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# DONGGUAN

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# Timeline of Dongguan

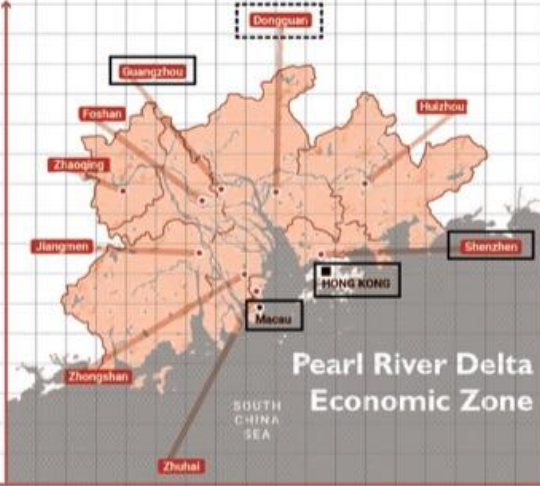
## 1949 Foundation of PRC

The founding of the People's Republic of China was formally proclaimed by Mao Zedong, the Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), on October 1, 1949 at 3:00 pm in Tiananmen Square in Peking, now Beijing (formerly Beiping), the new capital of China.



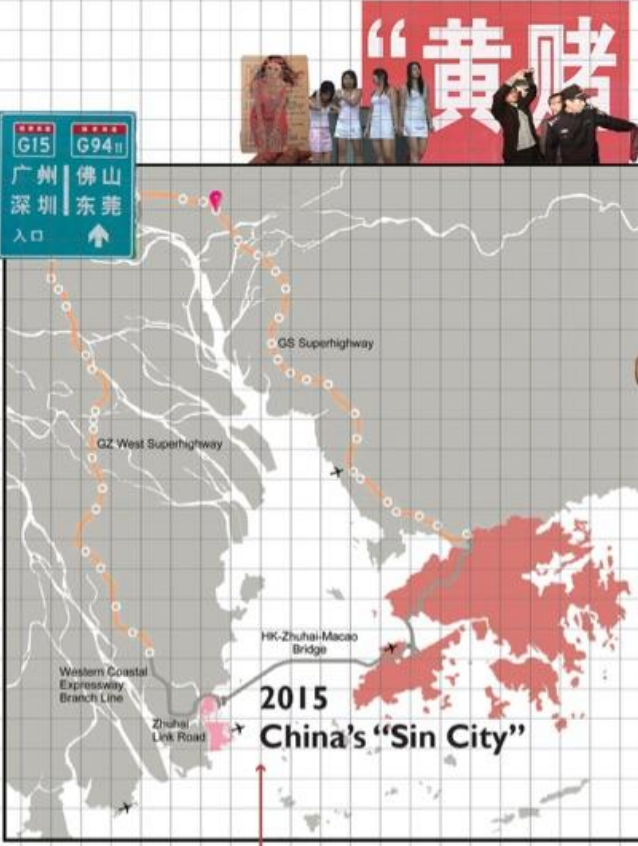
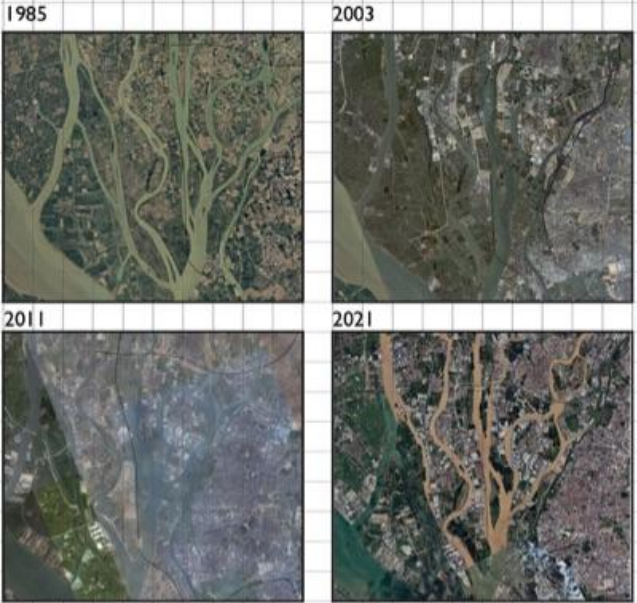
## 1978 Chinese economic reform

China's open-door policy and economic reforms jumpstarted the development of nine municipalities designated by the Guangdong government as the Pearl River Delta Economic Zone, in addition to Hong Kong and Macau. Industrial development and export processing zones, as well as technology parks, have proliferated, with domestic and foreign enterprises in various industries establishing major operations and headquarters in different cities.



## 1985 Start of Semi-urbanization

Dongguan earned city status in 1985, and was upgraded to prefecture city status three years later. During this period the city changed its focus from an agricultural town into a manufacturing hub, with an average annual growth of up to 18%.

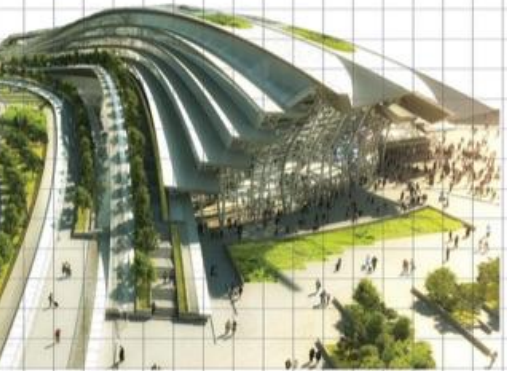


In February 2015, the government launched a crackdown on the sex trade in Dongguan, which has been dubbed China's "Sin City". More than 2,000 hotels, saunas and massage parlors that catered to the city's migrant workers and visiting buyers were shut down, according to state media.

## 2018 Guangzhou-Hong Kong high-speed train greater bay area development



The high-speed train services between Guangzhou and Hong Kong was commenced on 23 September 2018, as the G6501-6558 trains formerly operated between Guangzhou and Shenzhen were extended to Hong Kong West Kowloon, when the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong XRL was opened.



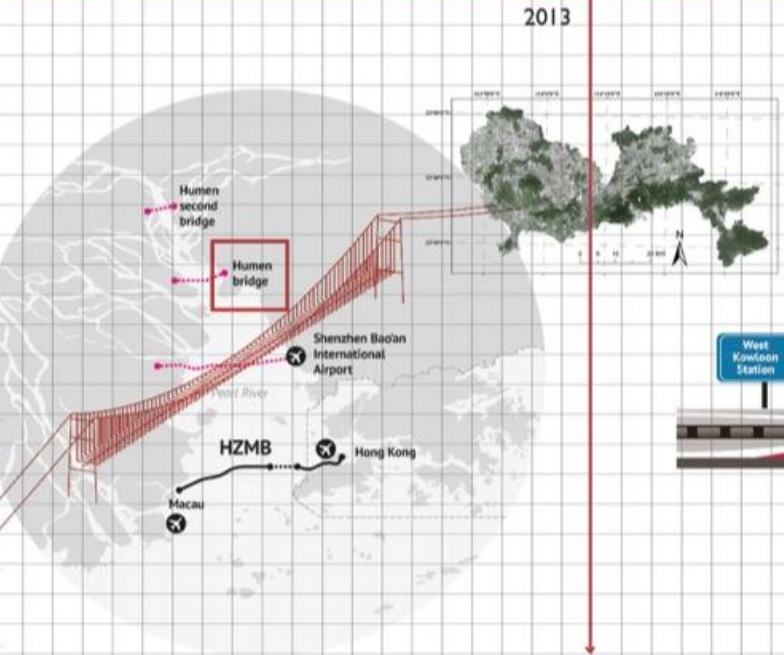
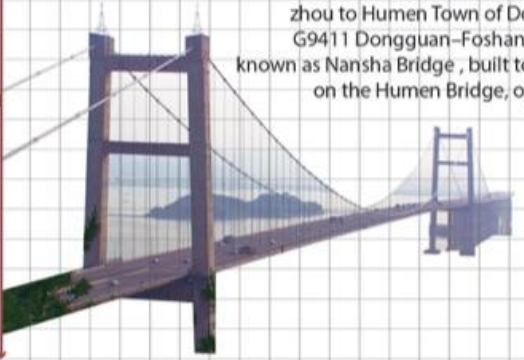
## 1830 - 1842 First Opium war

The destruction of opium at Humen began on 3 June 1839 involved the destruction of 1,000 long tons of illegal opium seized from British traders under the aegis of Lin Zexu, an Imperial Commissioner of Qing China. Conducted on the banks of the Pearl River outside Humen Town, Dongguan, which provided casus belli for Great Britain to declare war on Qing China. What followed is now known as the First Opium War, a conflict that initiated China's opening for trade with foreign nations under a series of treaties with the western powers.



## 1997 Consturction of Humen Pearl river bridge

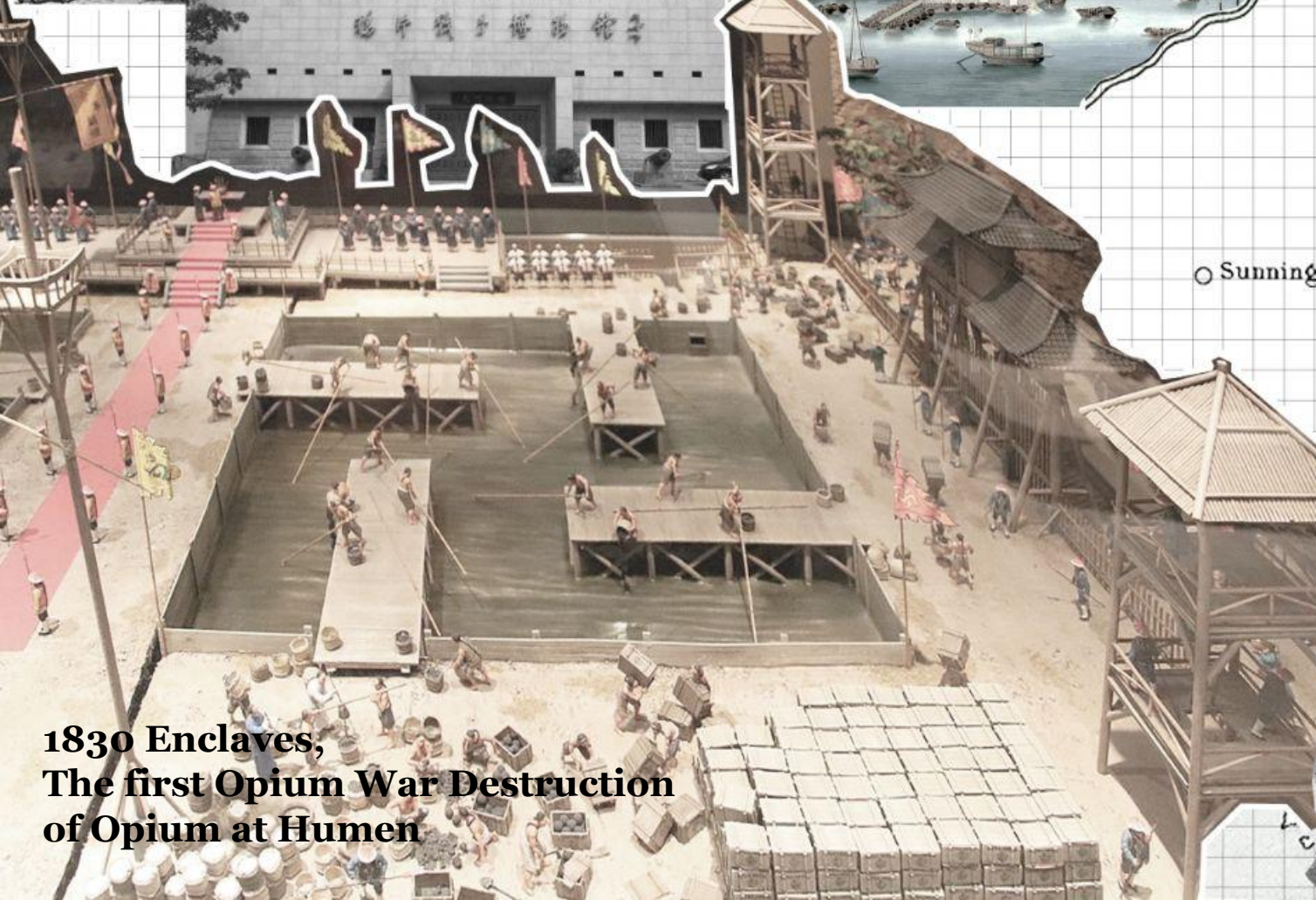
The Humen Pearl River Bridge (虎門大橋) is a bridge over the Pearl River. It connects the Nansha District of Guangzhou to Humen Town of Dongguan. It forms part of the G9411 Dongguan-Foshan Expressway. A newer bridge known as Nansha Bridge, built to reduce the traffic problems on the Humen Bridge, opened to traffic in April 2019



urbanization  
in 34 years



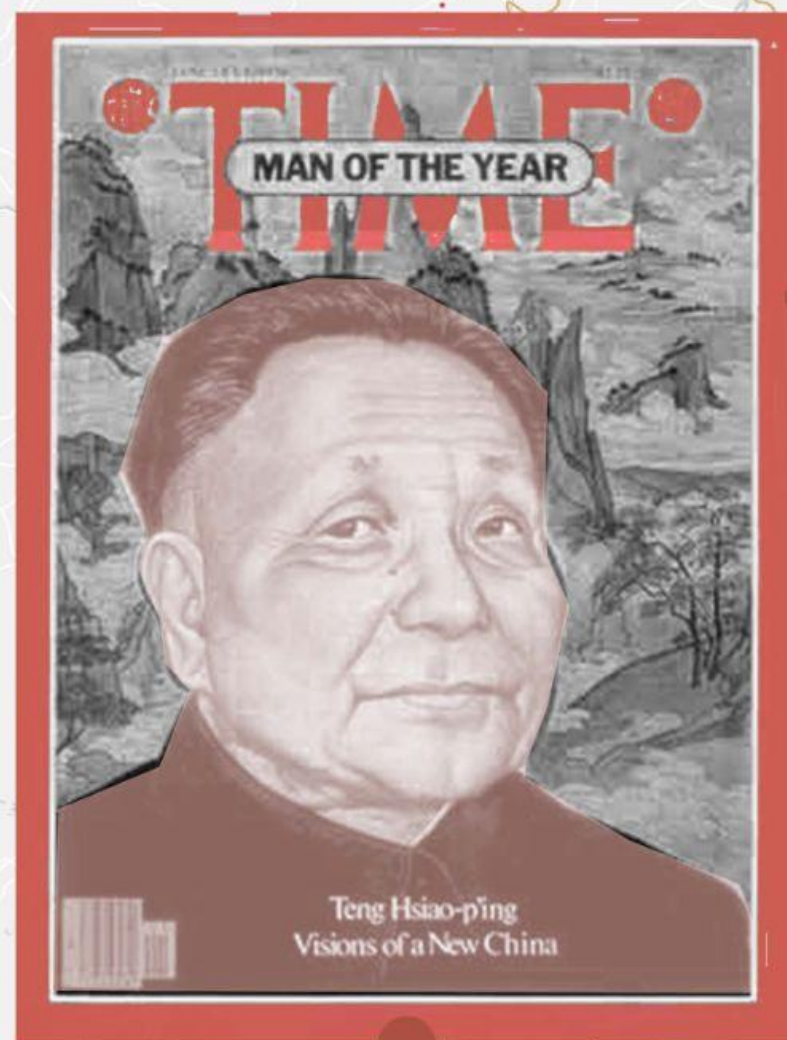




1830 Enclaves,  
The first Opium War  
Destruction of Opium at Humen







**Xiaoping Deng**

TIME magazine—Man of the Year

**Taiping Handbag Factory**  
China's first enterprises of "Three Import and Compensation Trade" policy.



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**Ancient Pagoda**

**Dongxin Hotel**



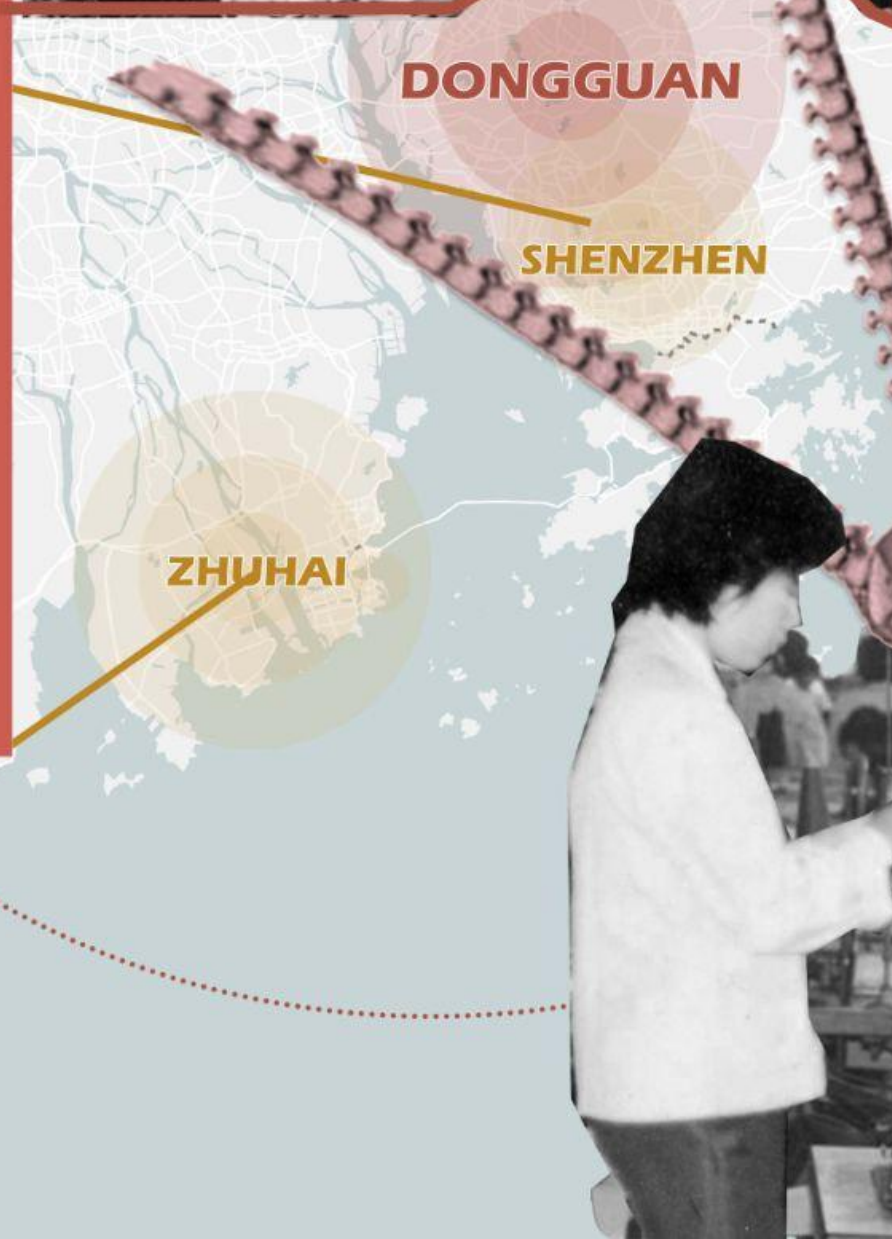
**Taiping ferry**



**DONGGUAN**

**SHENZHEN**

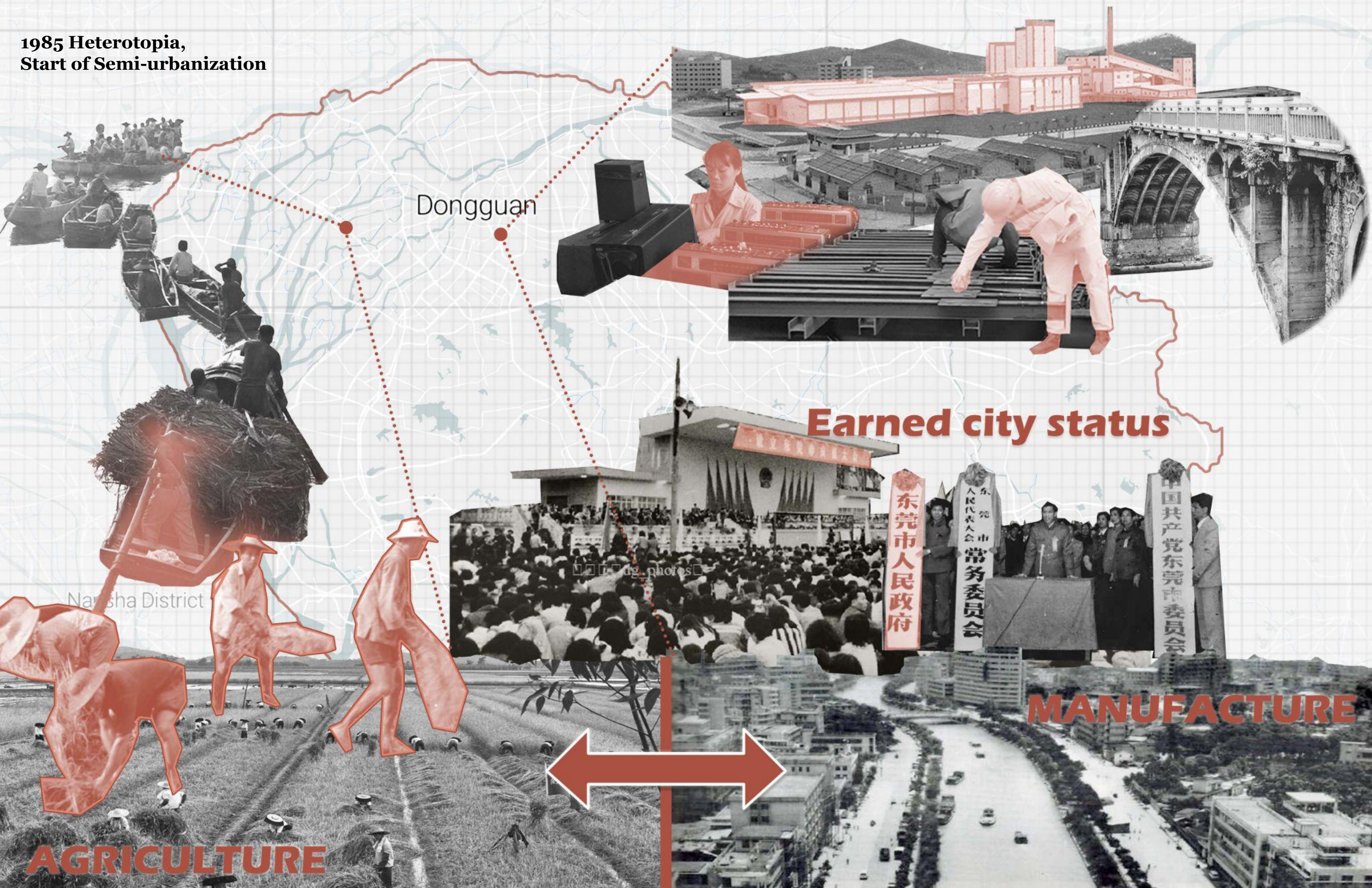
**ZHUHAI**



**1978 Armatures,**  
**Chinese economic reform**



1985 Heterotopia,  
Start of Semi-urbanization



Dongguan

Earned city status

MANUFACTURE

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Nansha District

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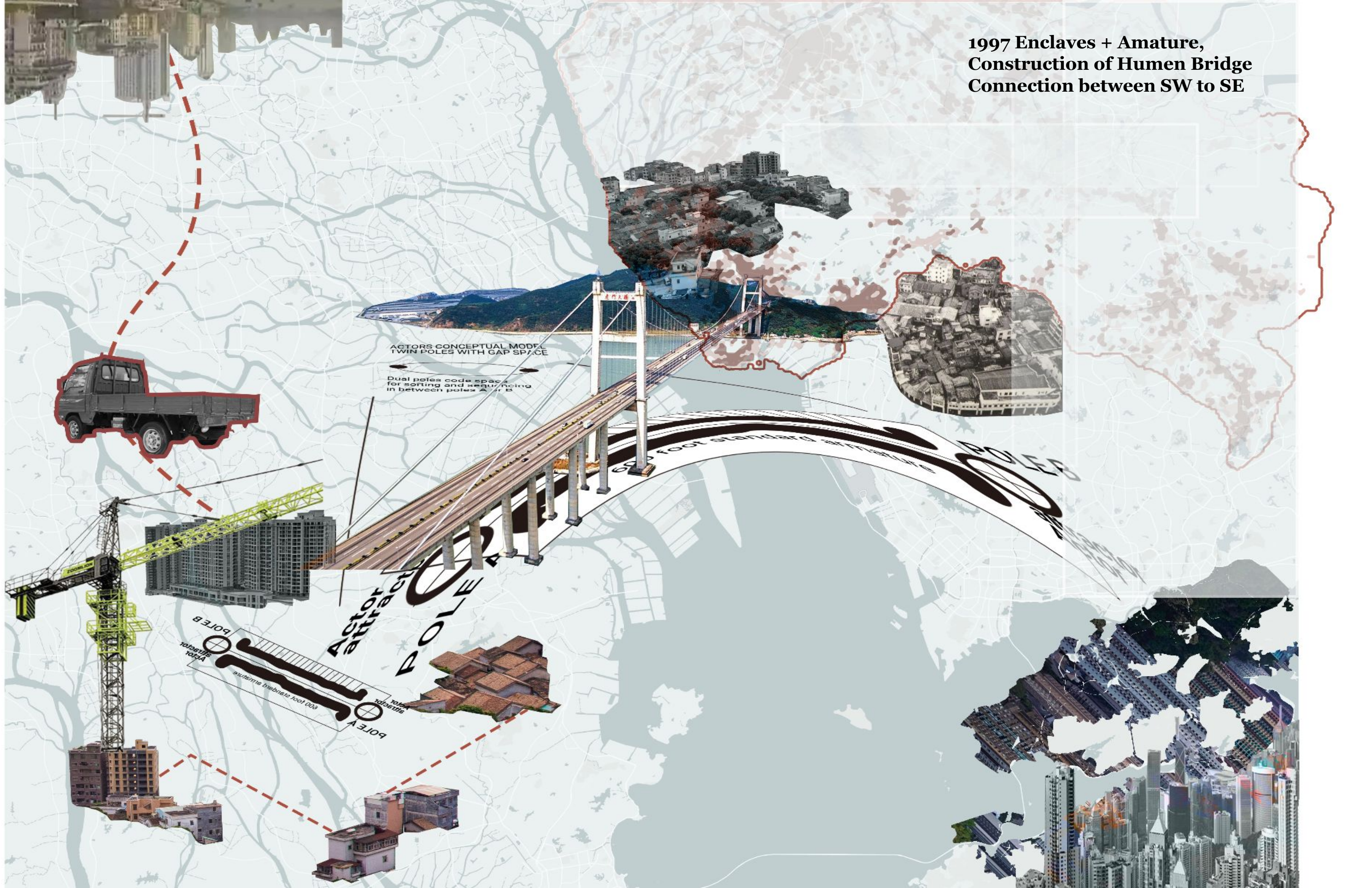
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1997 Enclaves + Amature, Construction of Humen Bridge  
Connection between SW to SE







**2015 Amateurs, micro heterotopias  
'Sin City', 'China's capital of sex'  
Between Guangzhou and Shenzhen**





2018 Armatures,  
Guangzhou-Kowloon Railway  
officially opened

Canton-Kowloon  
Railway 1911



