



Notes of cover page photos

1. Desert in Hsinchiang, Uighur Autonomous Region: the white ground is covered with salt. This area is thought to have been covered with abundant green vegetation three thousand years before. It has turned into unproductive land due to the overuse of ground water for agricultural development.
2. Funeral offerings pictured in a town in Wenshan, Yunnan Province, China.
3. Festival offerings used on Iriomote Island.
4. Merchants at a market in southern Laos selling betel nuts, pepper leaves, tree barks, lime, etc.
5. The Lahu people of northern Thailand eating together at a rice harvest rite.
6. A peddler selling Hami melons at a market in Hsinchiang Uighur Autonomous Region. The Hami melon is an important source of hydration in the region.
7. Various *Naniwa* vegetables. In Osaka where an advanced food culture developed before the premodern age, various species of vegetables were created in its suburban areas, as in Kyoto.



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