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Beijing's Aqueous Heritage and the 2008 Olympics

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Introduction:

The article posted here by Dai Qing appears in a December 2008 special issue on *The Heritage of Beijing Water,* guest edited for *The China Heritage Quarterly* by the Beijing-based writer, historical investigative journalist and water activist. The issue focuses on the aqueous heritage of China's capital city. Reflecting on the well-springs of the Olympic year and the bountiful supply of water during 2008, Dai Qing discusses the diminishing heritage of a resource that sustained the ancient city in the past, shaped much of its life, and determines its future. The issue features a map of Beijing Waterways and an important study, 'Beijing's Water Crisis, 1949-2008' with important contributions by Probe International, an independent Canada-based think-tank and environmental protection group.

The Dai Qing article is available through this link.

See also:

- Probe International, Beijing's Water Crisis 1949 — 2008
- Dai Qing, Thirsty Dragon at the Olympics.

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