BACKGROUND: *In descriptive cataloging practice the* RDA *jurisdictional heading* **China** *is used for all the governments that have controlled the mainland of China for all time periods, including the People's Republic of China.   The use of the corporate heading* **China (People's Republic, 1949-   )** *was discontinued when* AACR2 *was implemented.   Thus, in corporate headings,* **China** *also designates the People's Republic of China, established in 1949.   This coincides with subject cataloging policy concerning the use of* **China** *that has been in effect since 1973.*

The corporate heading **China (Republic : 1949-   )** *is used in descriptive cataloging to designate the post-1948 Republic of China; the jurisdictional heading* **Taiwan** *designates the province of Taiwan that is part of the Republic of China.   However, in subject cataloging practice, the jurisdictional heading* **Taiwan** *is used for both the post-1948 Republic of China and the island of Taiwan.*

For instructions on Hong Kong and assignment of the heading **Hong Kong (China)**, *see H 978.*

1. China.   Use **China** as a heading or as a geographic subdivision for works discussing mainland China or the People's Republic of China, regardless of time period.

If it is necessary to designate a particular historical period, use the appropriate period subdivision. Period subdivisions after 1949 designate the People's Republic of China.   *Examples:*

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651 #0 $a China $x History $y Song dynasty, 960-1279.
650 #0 $a Education $z China $x History $y 1949-1976.
651 #0 $a China $x Politics and government $y 1937-1945.
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2. Taiwan.   Assign the heading **Taiwan** for works on the island of Taiwan, regardless of time period, and the post-1948 Republic of China.   *Examples:*

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651 #0 $a Taiwan $x History $y 1895-1945.
651 #0 $a Taiwan $x Foreign relations $z United States.
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As a geographic subdivision, use **Taiwan** directly after topics.   Divide indirectly through **Taiwan** for localities on Taiwan.   *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Education $z Taiwan.
650 #0 $a Housing $z Taiwan $z Taipei.
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2. Taiwan.   *(Continued)*

Do not use the corporate heading **China (Republic : 1949-   )**.   However, for names of individual government agencies used as subjects, assign corporate headings as established in the name authority file, even if they are formulated as subheadings of **China (Republic : 1949-)**. *Example:*

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610 10 $a China (Republic : 1949-    ). $b Hai Jun.
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Corporate headings formulated as subheadings of **Taiwan** designate corporate bodies of the provincial Taiwan government, regardless of time period, for example, **Taiwan.   Min zheng ting**.

Do not assign **China** to a work issued by the Republic of China if the work deals only with Taiwan.   Instead, assign **Taiwan**.   For works that make a special effort to describe actual conditions on both Taiwan and mainland China, assign the headings **Taiwan** and **China** as appropriate.