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Daedong yeoijido, or
Territorial map of the Great East 1861

The Daedong yeoijido was produced by the Korean geographer Kim Jeong-ho. The map is at a scale of about 1:162,000 and is a wood block print that includes two inset maps of Seoul, texts and diagrams. The map is on 22 folded sheets and when displayed open, measures nearly 13 feet wide and 20 feet in length. The long sheets were designed to be folded accordion style making this large map easy to use.

Kim Jeong-ho was both a cartographer and printer who, in 1834, produced a complete atlas of Korea. He disappeared from the record for 27 years and then reappeared in 1861 with this map, a major revision of his 1834 map. It is believed Kim walked the length and breadth of Korea several times gathering data for the Daedong yeoijido. In creating this new version, he improved measurement techniques, refined the coastlines, revised place names, added or deleted cultural features, included military sites, enhanced the coverage of roads by including a black tick mark every 10-li (24.4 miles) from beginning to end and offered information about distances and included topographic symbols representing mountains using thin black lines to show gentler mountains and thicker lines to show higher mountains.

As a wood block publisher, covering the costs of carving, storing, labor and tools used in the production of such a map would have been considerable. It took 120 wood blocks to print Kim’s 1861 map, each block measuring about 12 x 16 inches. Such an investment meant there was a high demand and steady market for the map. It is possible the map was commissioned by royalty for a specific purpose.

The AGSL copy of the Daedong yeoijido was once owned by George C. Foulk, who served as the U.S. Naval attache to Korea between 1884 and 1887. The map was sold to the American Geographical Society of NY with other maps and 43 photographs by George C. Foulk’s father, Clayton Foulk. This map is an important cartographic and cultural treasure from Korea and has been carefully preserved in the Library since 1895.

Photographs from the AGS Library collection include images of Korean officials, the residence of the U.S. Legation, scenes from Korean daily life, Puk-Han Mountain Fortress and its Pleasure Palace, Buddhist rock carvings, Korean drum dancers, views of Seoul and the King Kojong’s palace and palace grounds.