

**A Few Observations on
Feng Shui of the Hue Imperial City
from a Historical and Scientific Perspective**

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- 1. In Hue, where is the Flying Dragon pathway?
- 2. In Hue, where is the Sacred Way?
- 3. Why does the city of Hue is facing the south-east?
- 4. Why does the north is at the bottom of the Bagua (Bat Quai) map?
- 5. When is the north at the top of the Bagua (Bat Quai) map?

**In 2010, I was at a medical meeting in
Singapore. The faculties were lodged at
the Marina Sands Hotel**

The Marina Sands Hotel



In the middle of the shopping mall, there is a large waterfall. It is a decoration for westerners, however it is a Fengshui feature for Asians



When you enter a Chinese or Vietnamese restaurant, you see a small waterfall with the water running. The sign of running water means that the business is to run well and smoothly



- **If the tourists venture to the rooftop of the Marina Sands shopping mall, right on top of the waterfall area, they will see a huge sinking area where water is poured in and circles in a form of a large vortex creating the waterfall inside the shopping mall. The fengshui explanation is that the energies or monies are gathered from the outside and sucked into the shopping mall**

A large vortex creating the waterfall inside the shopping mall



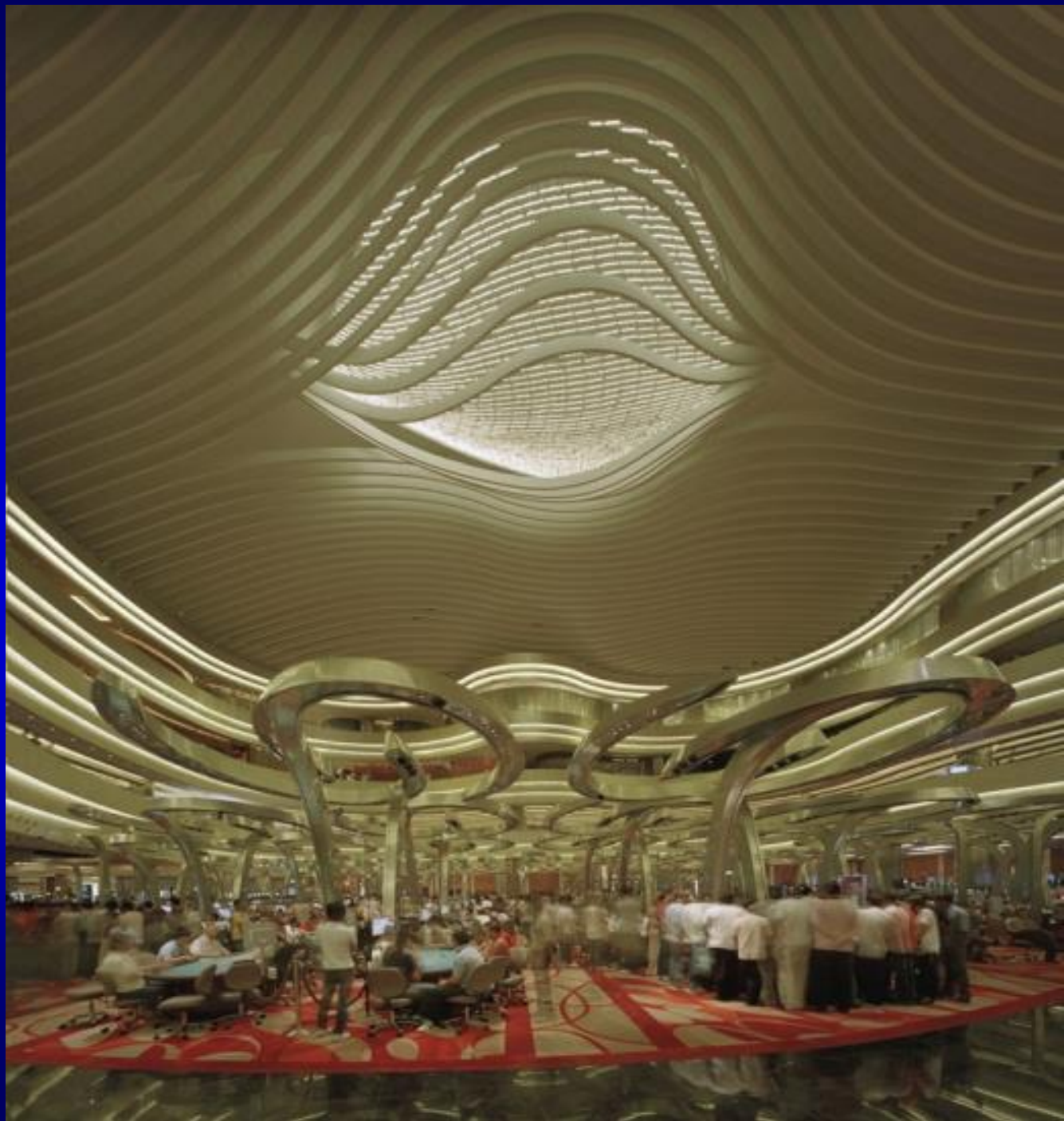
The casino as seen from the third floor: What kind of design is it?



The Design is to Channel all the Energies or Monies into the Casino



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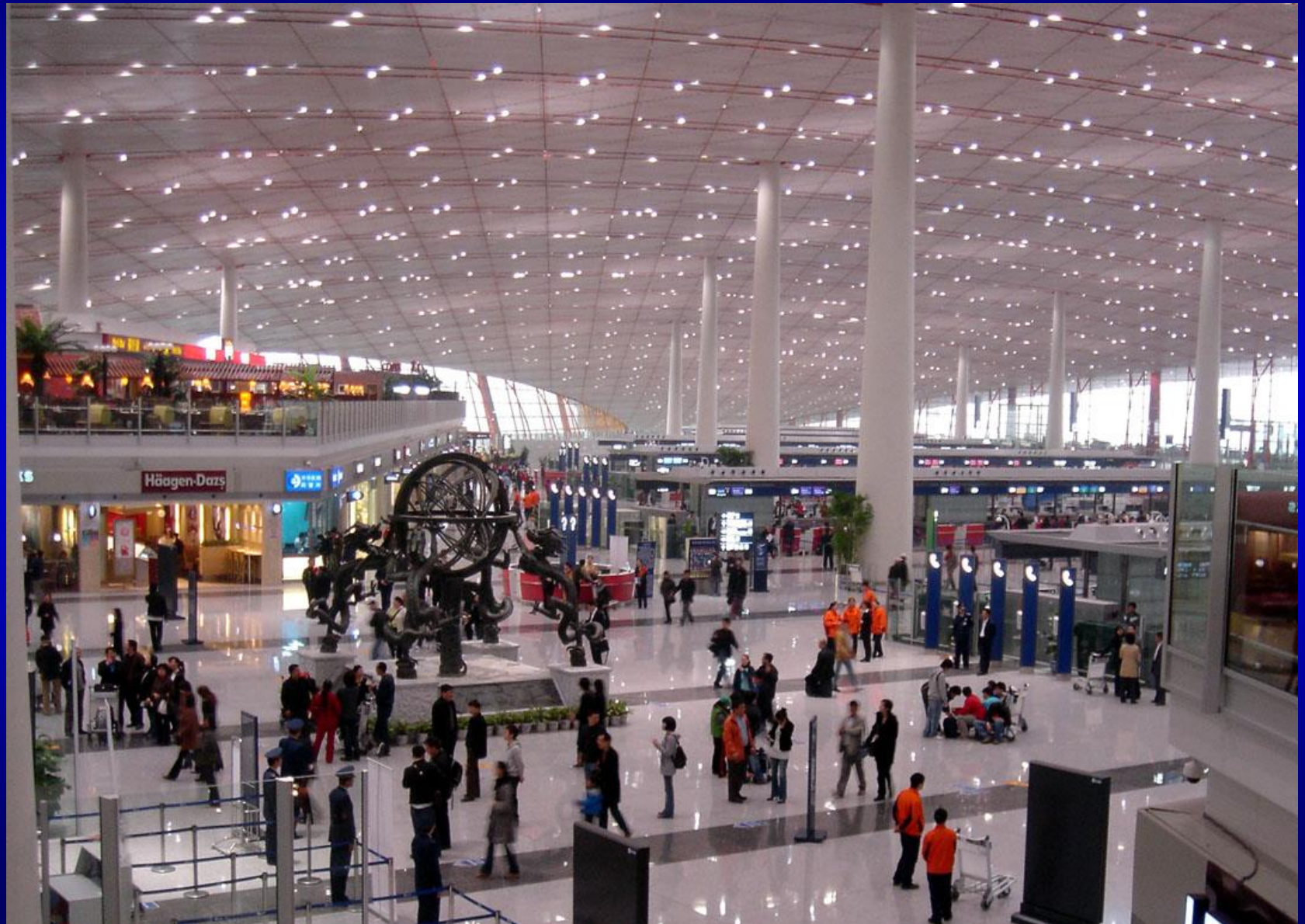
In reality, the fast changing design pattern is to keep sending new data to the eyes of people so people become confused and forgetful.



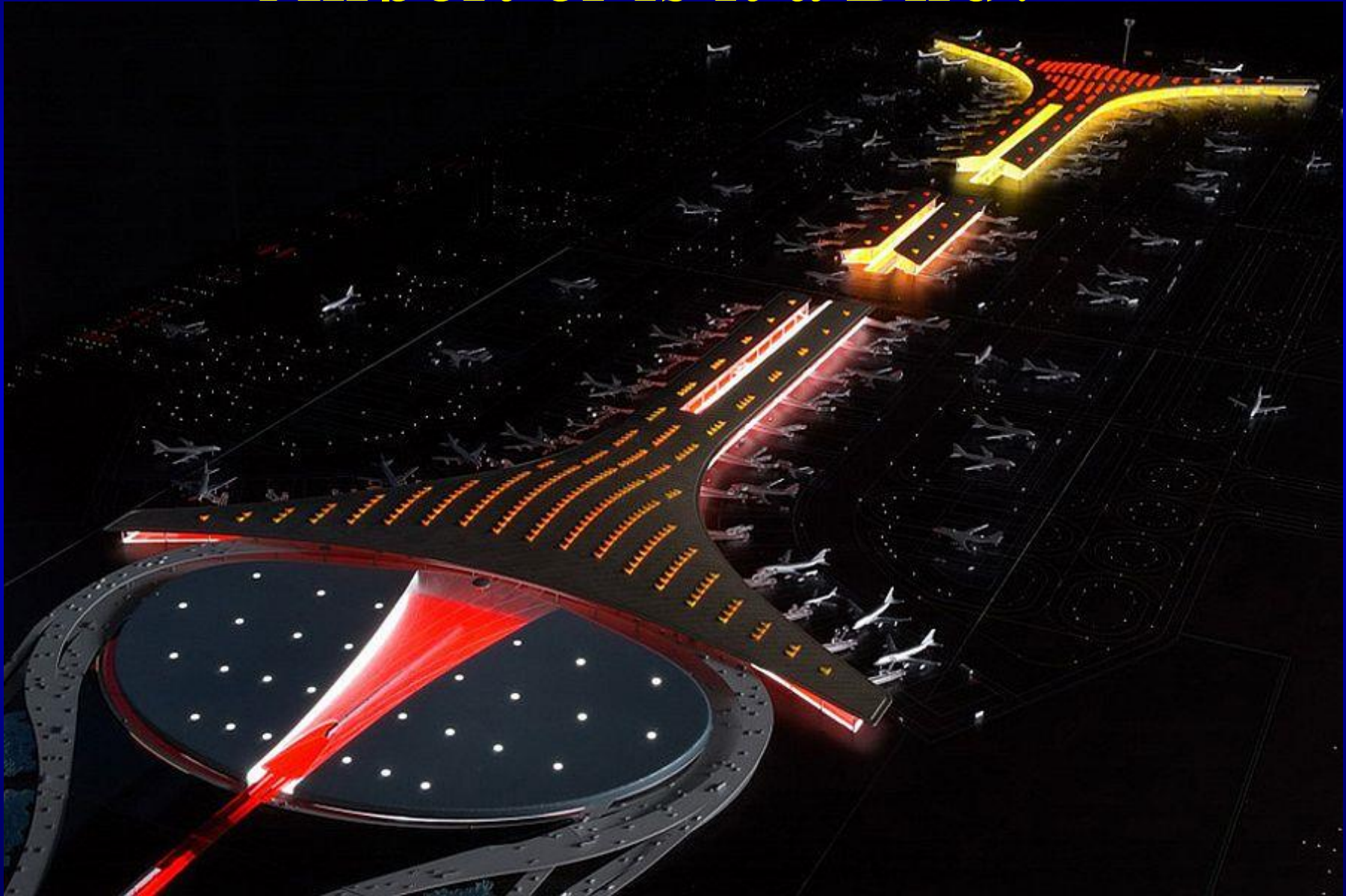
BEIJING, China

**I traveled to Beijing China 3 or
4 times a year for the last 15
years. I used the Beijing airport
and I did not know how the
Terminal 3 is designed**

Beijing Airport



Beijing airport by night: Is it an Airport or is it a Bird?



Is the Bird landing or Flying away?



- Usually, in Beijing, the US faculties were lodged at the Pangu 7 Star hotel, near the Bird's Nest Olympic stadium

The Pangu Seven Star Hotel next to the Bird's Nest at night



For westerners, the design of the hotel is explained as it has the shape of the Olympic torch



**For Chinese, the hotel has the
shape of a dragon**



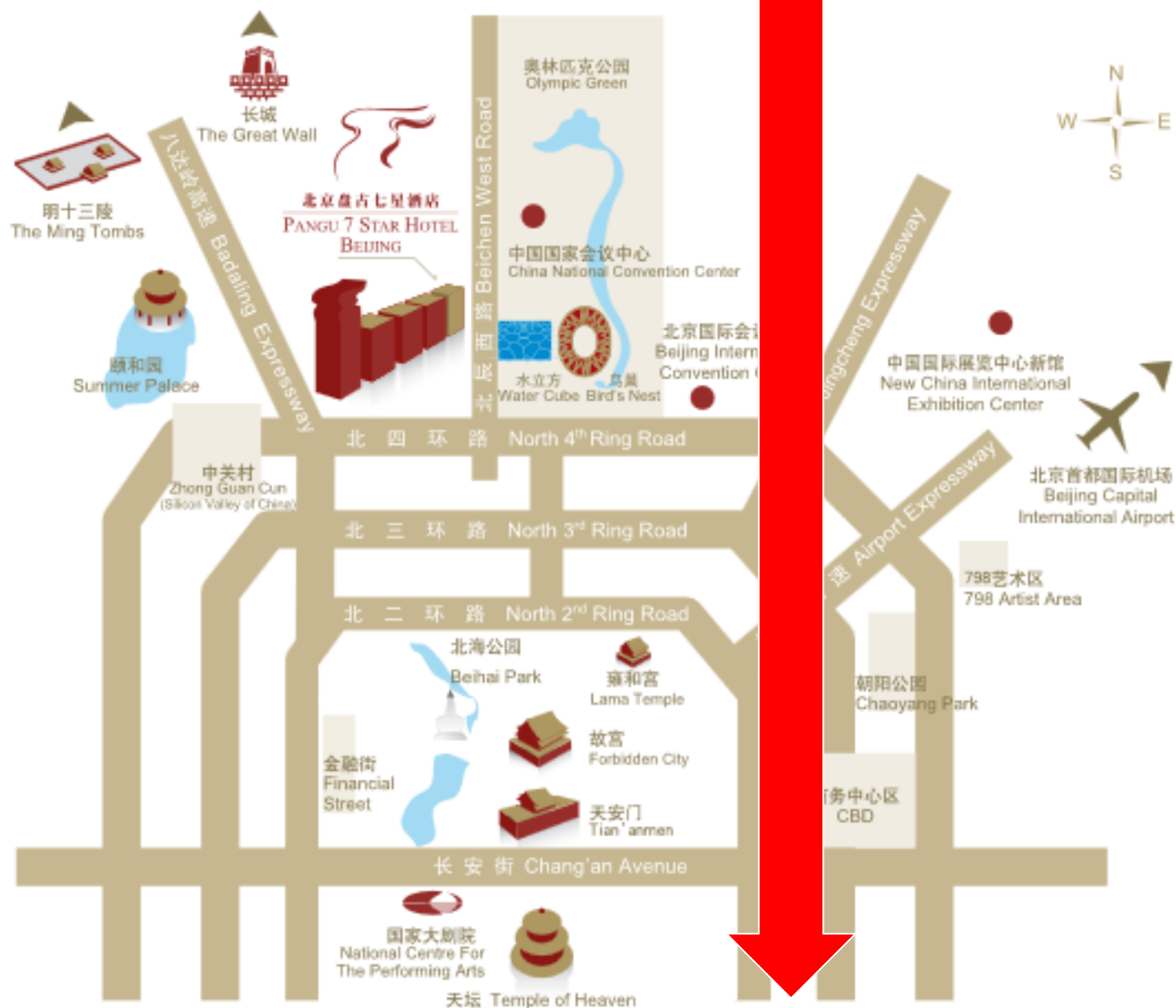
**Along the side of the hotel,
there are 100 columns**



These 100 columns are seen as 100 baby dragons with a pearl in their mouth along the belly of the mother dragon. The business should be great because the mother dragon is so fertile

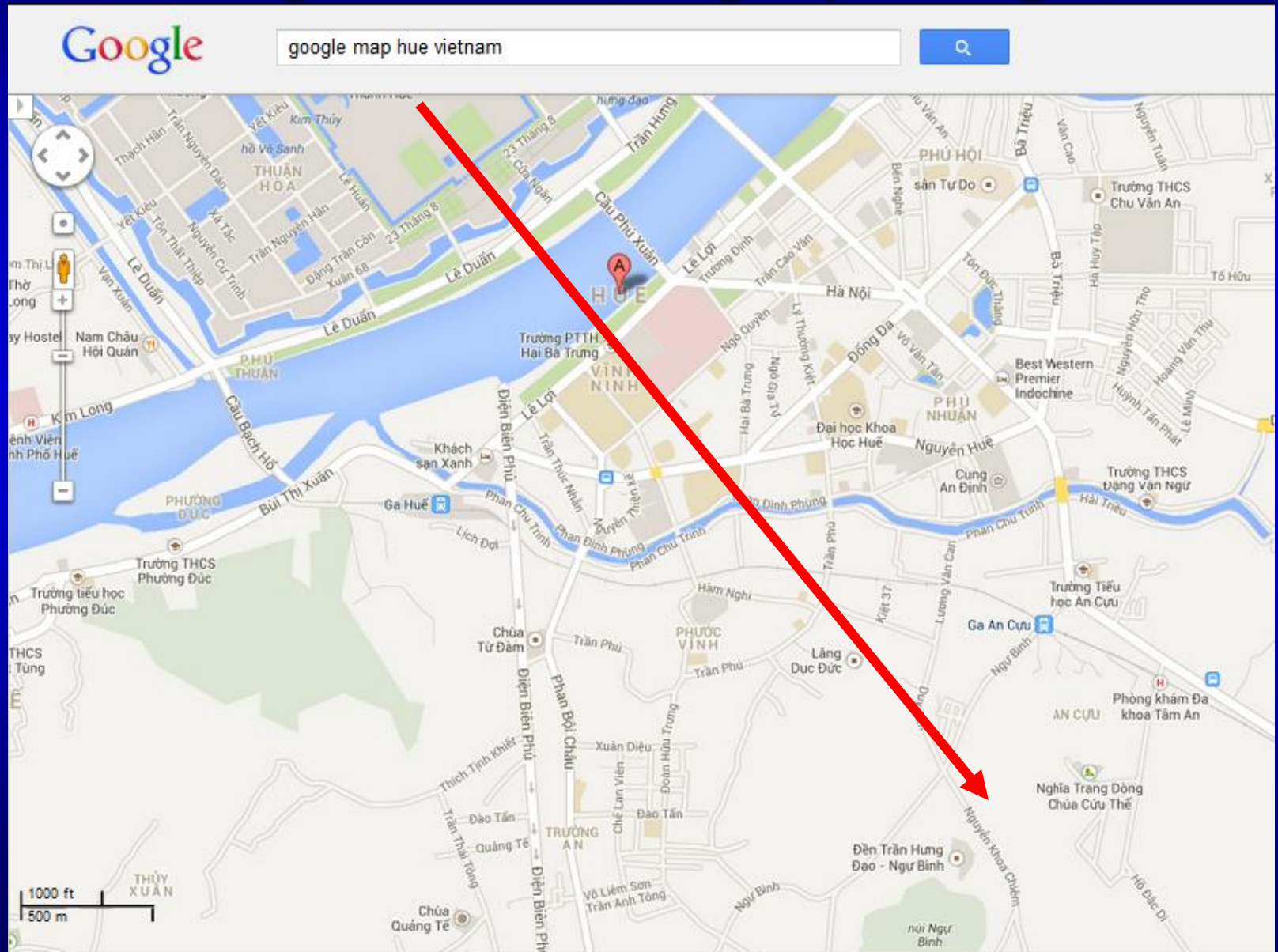


- **However, the main Fenghsui feature of the Pangu 7 Star Hotel is that the hotel is located on a straight line connecting the Forbidden city, the temple of Heaven, Tian An Men square, where are also located the Great Hall of People (the Chinese Congress), the seat of the Chinese Communist party, the Chung Nam Hai compound (seat of the Chinese government). This straight line area is called the Flying Dragon pathway**

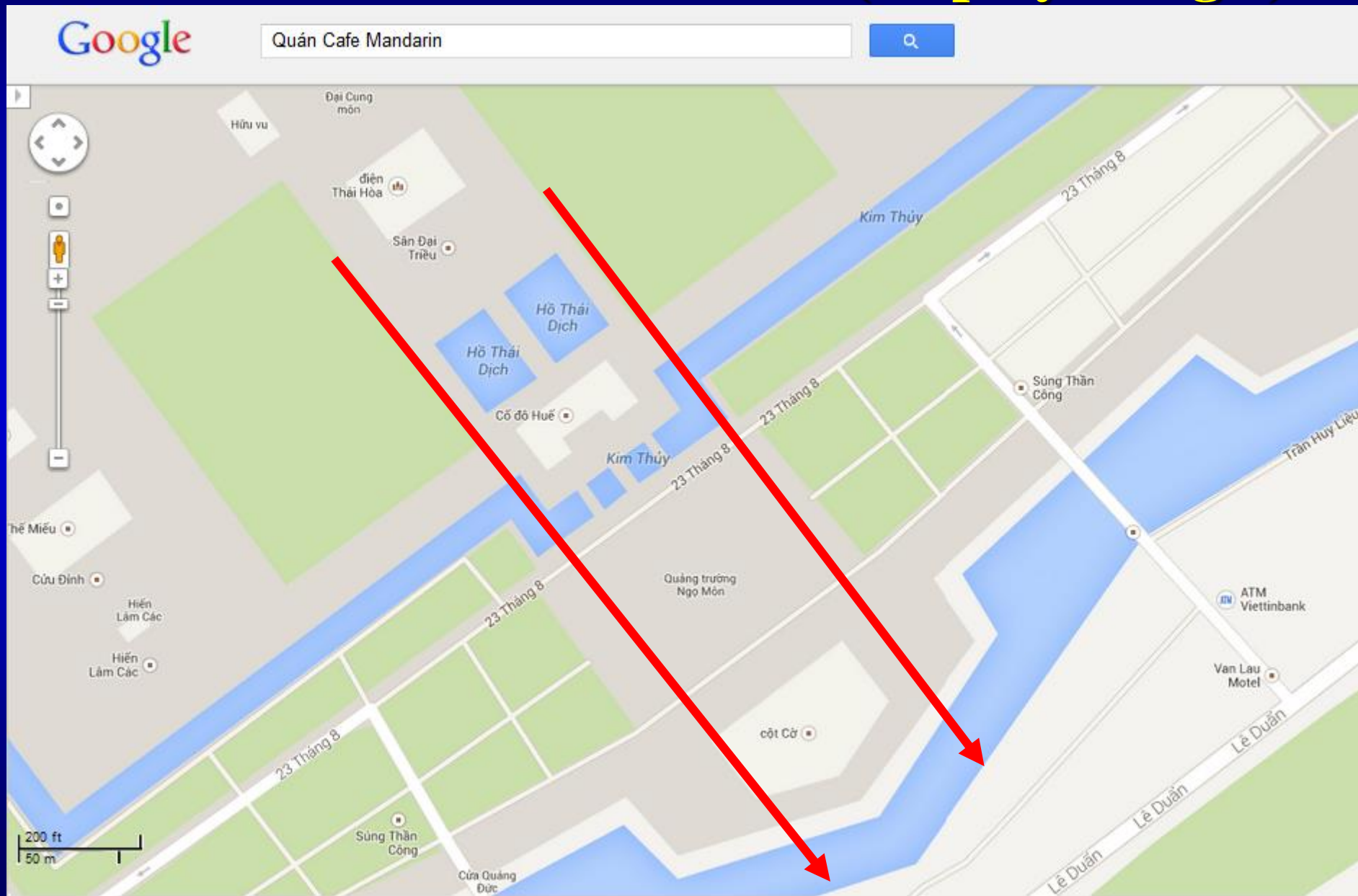


Now we go to HUE, Vietnam

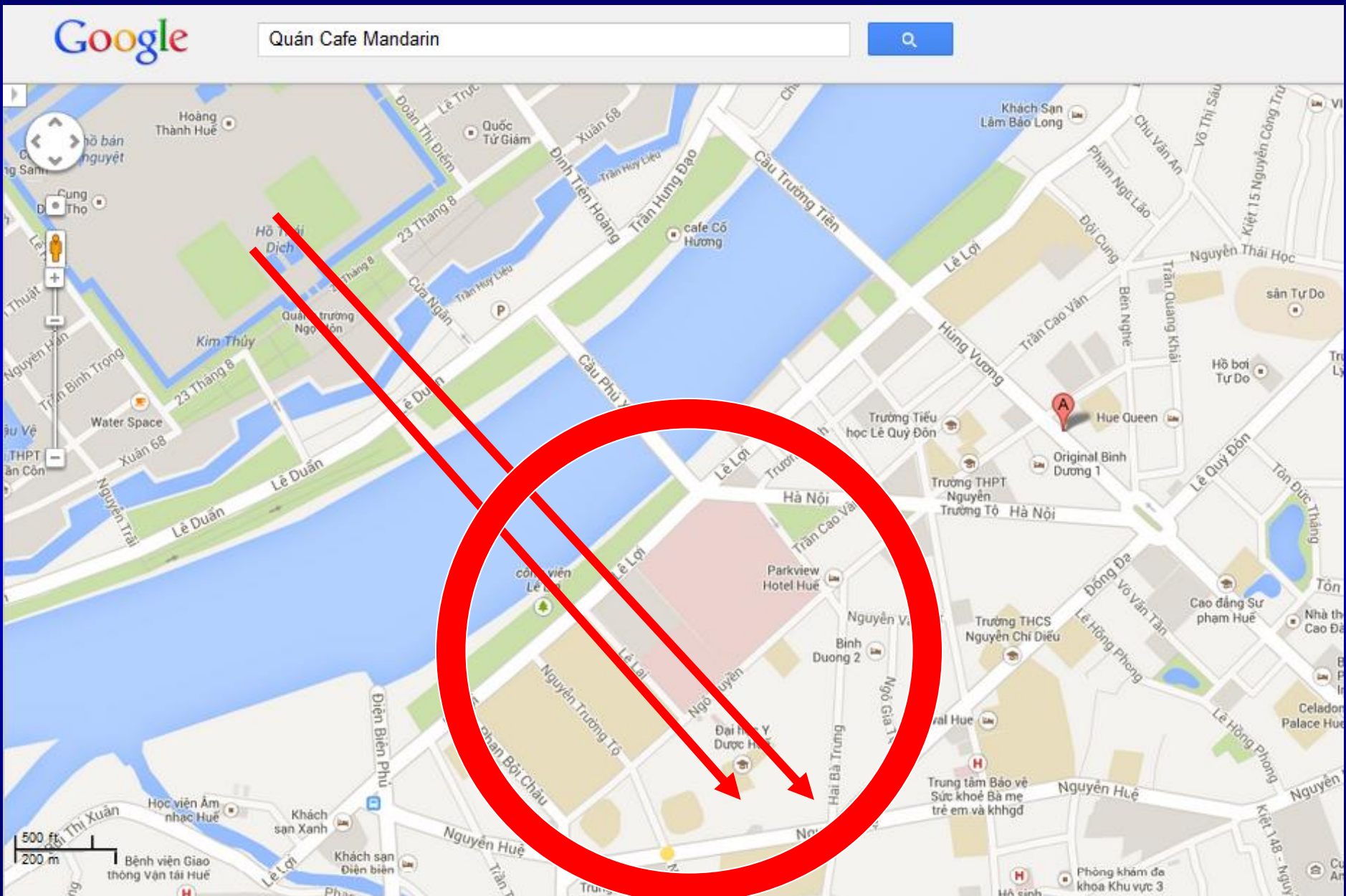
What does a straight line from Thai Hoa Palace point to? (map by Google)



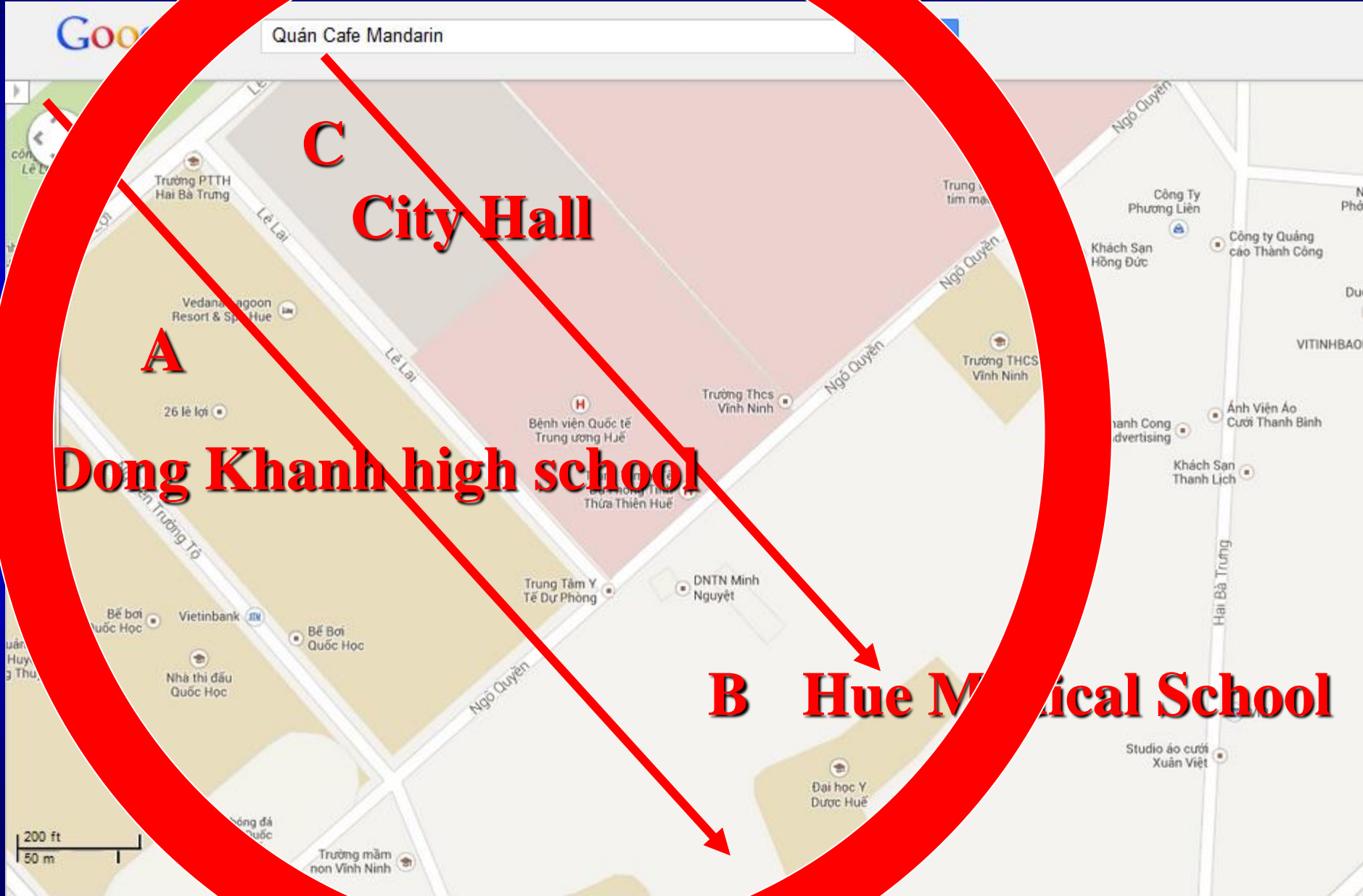
What stays straight ahead of Thai Hoa palace, on the other side of the river ? (map by Google)



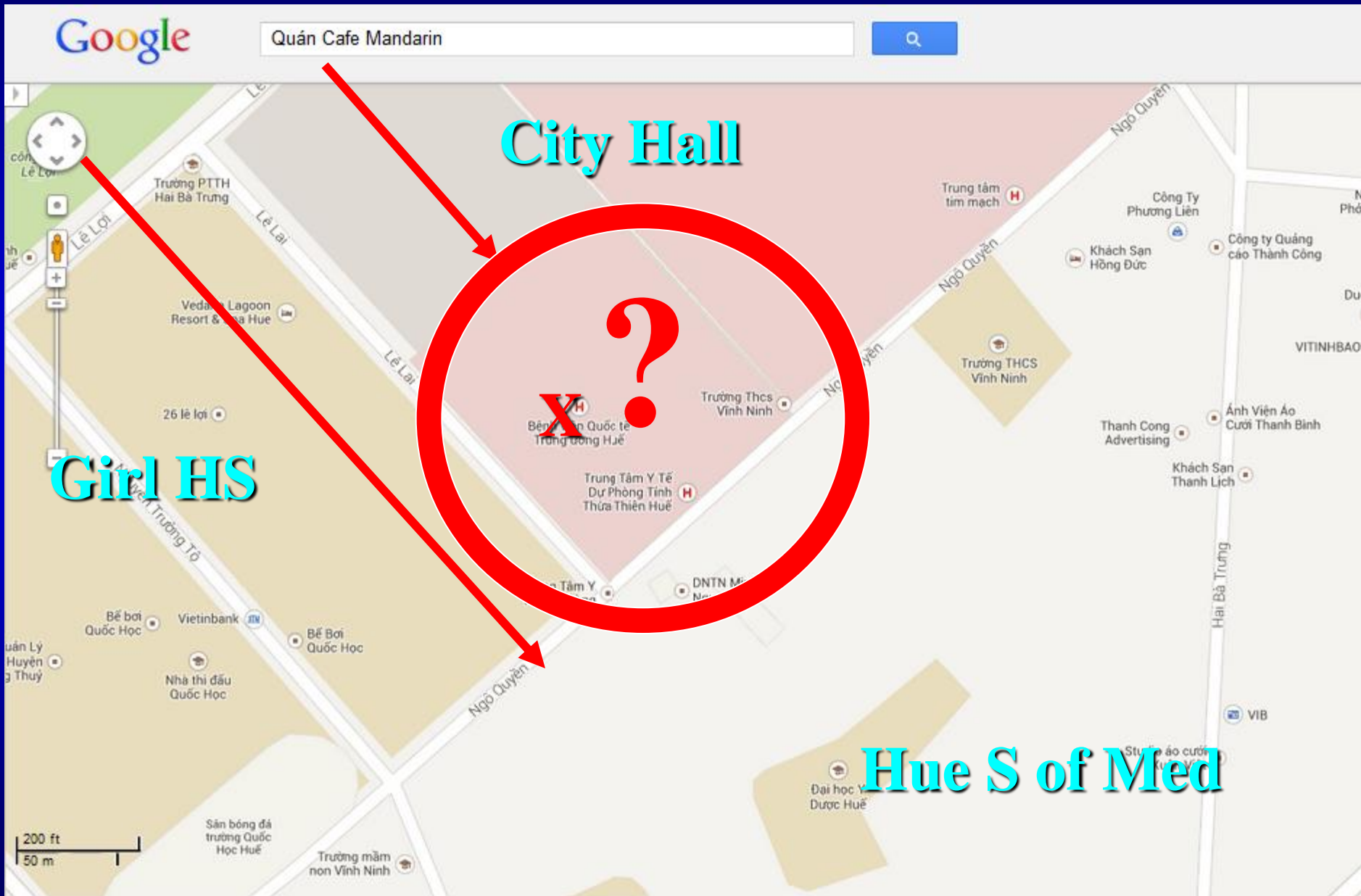
Which institutions are across the river? 4



A,B,C....



What was X?



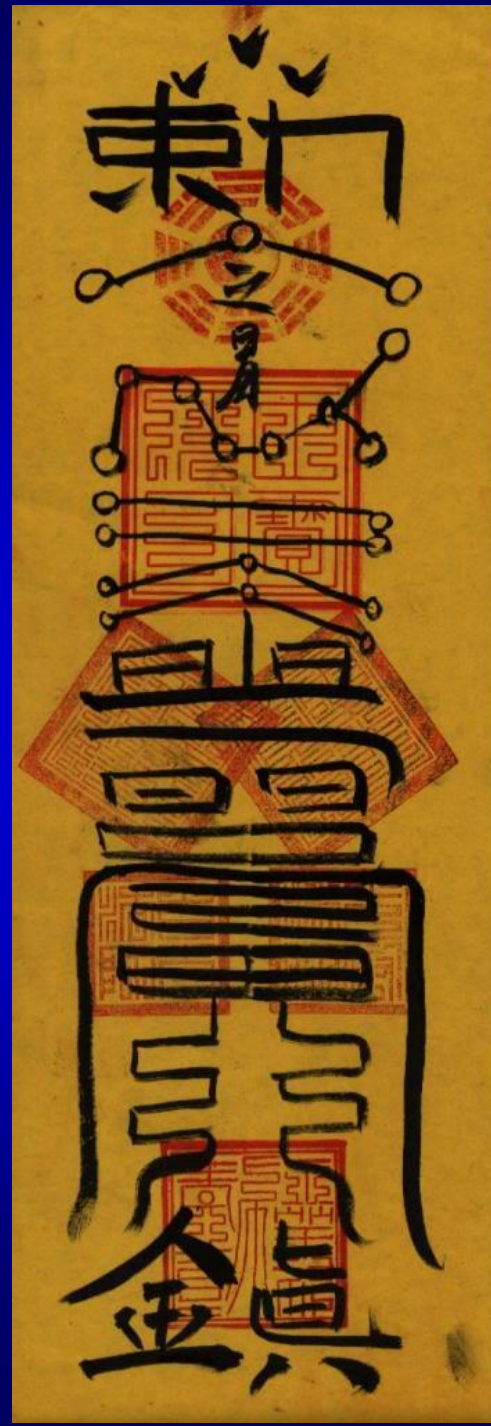
X points to the notorious Thua Phu prison



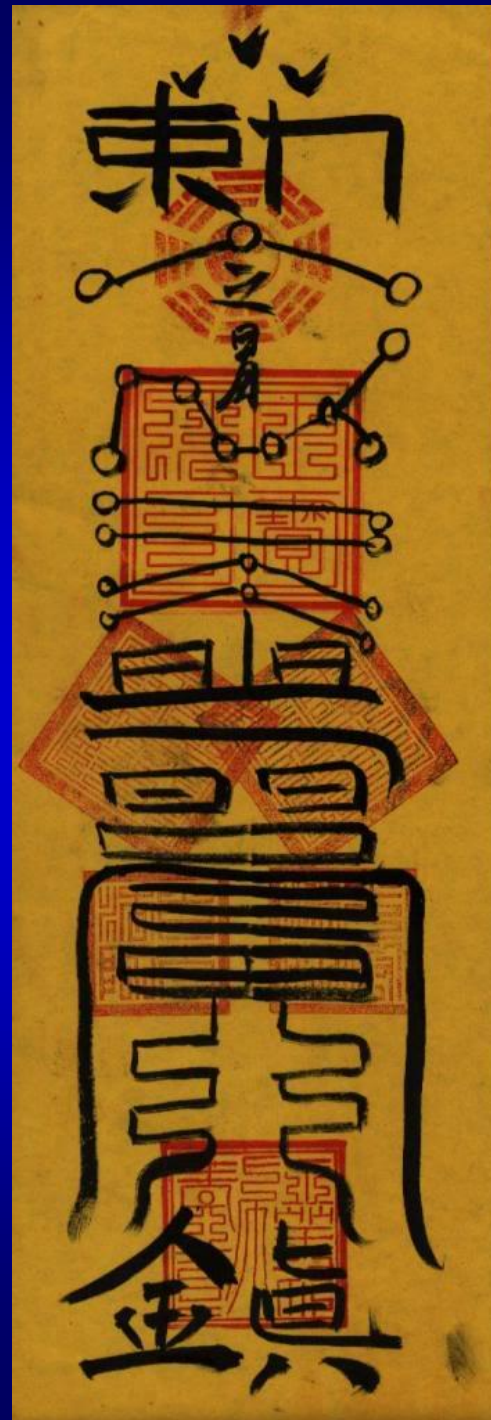
The notorious Thua Phu prison started during colonial time (1899) and lasted during nationalist and communist time



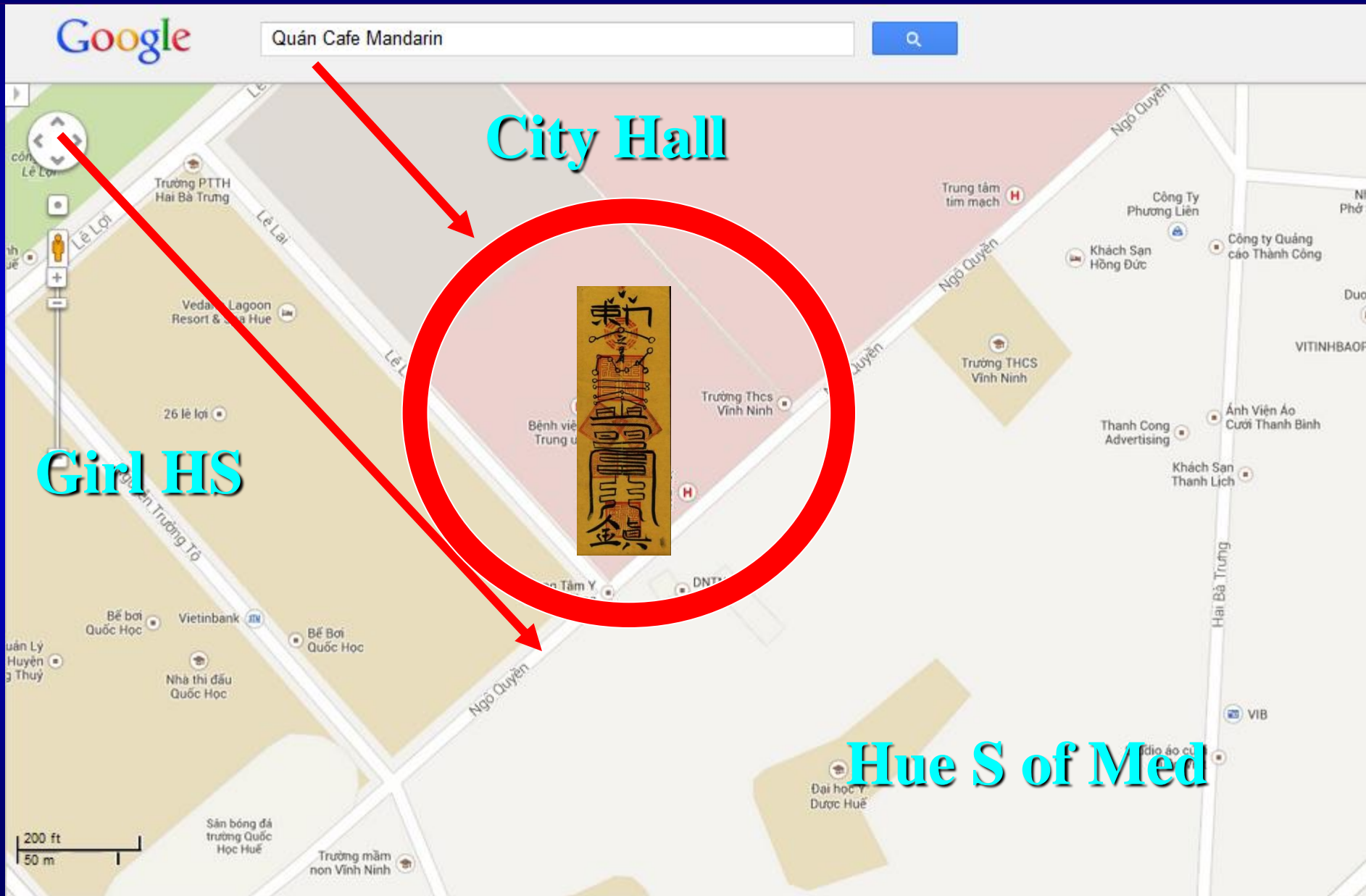
**From a Fengshui
belief, the Thua
Phua prison is a
talisman which
neutralized the
divine mandate and
the political powers
of the Imperial City
of Hue**



**From a Fengshui
belief, the Thua
Phua prison is also
the cause of so
many destructions,
sufferings in the
Imperial City of
Hue**



The cause of too many sufferings



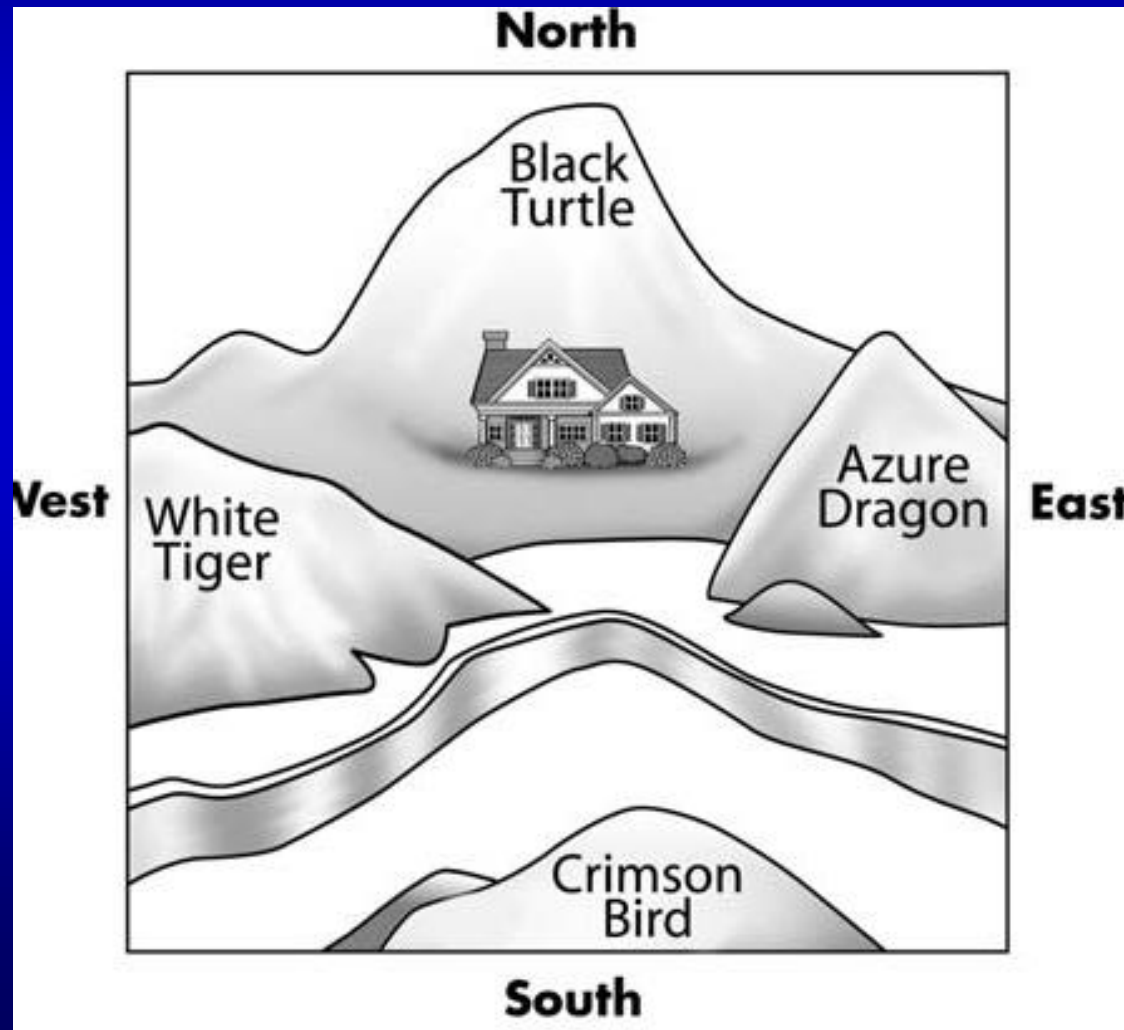
Which major city of Vietnam which was at the forefront of the political, military and intellectual scene of Vietnam AND suffered the most destruction in the 20th century?

**It happened in 1945, 1954, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1975, and after
HUE, Vietnam**

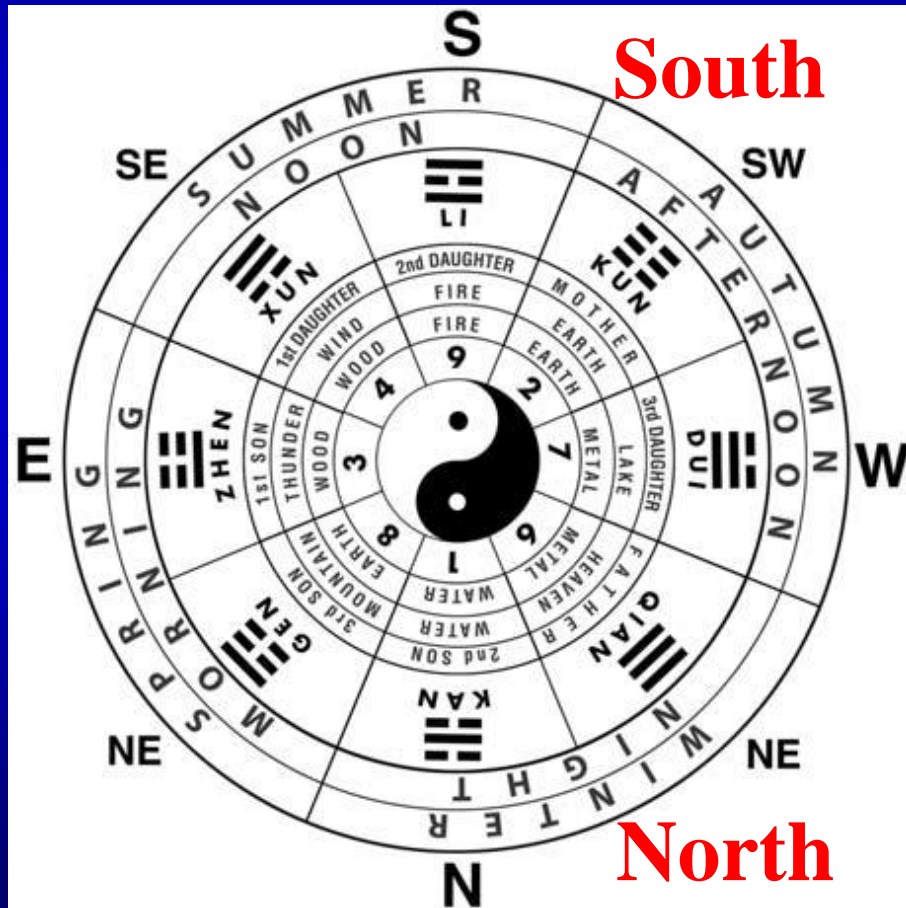
After so many tragedies and challenges, how did the city and people of Hue always recover and reconquer its eminent role in the cultural, educational, artistic and political life of inside and outside Vietnam?

First Principle of Fengshui: Together, the crimson bird, white tiger, black turtle, and azure dragon form the dragon's lair.

<http://www.vietamulet.com/boards/t/112/dia-ly-duong-trach.aspx>



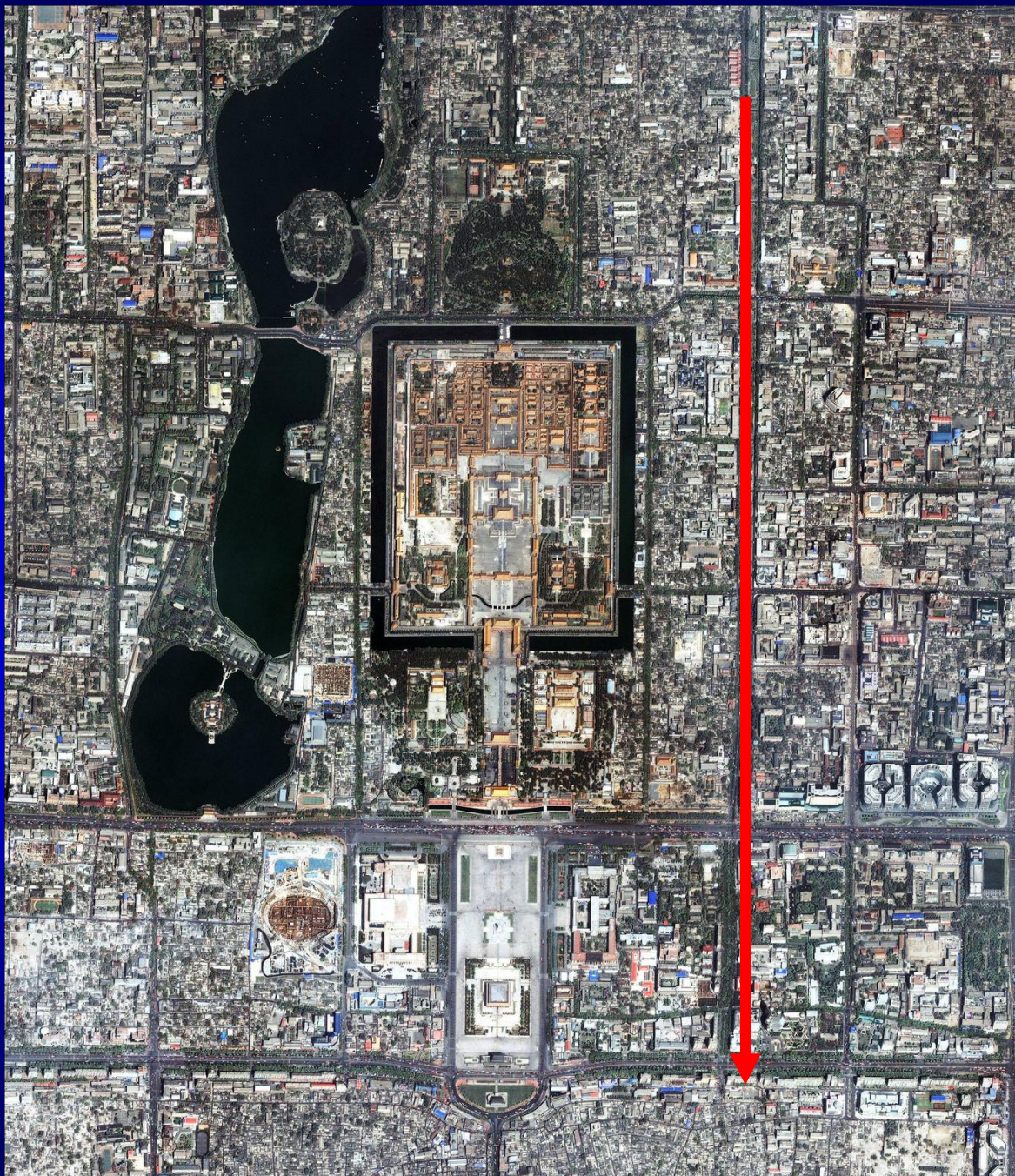
2nd Principle: The orientation of the city or a building according to the Baqua map



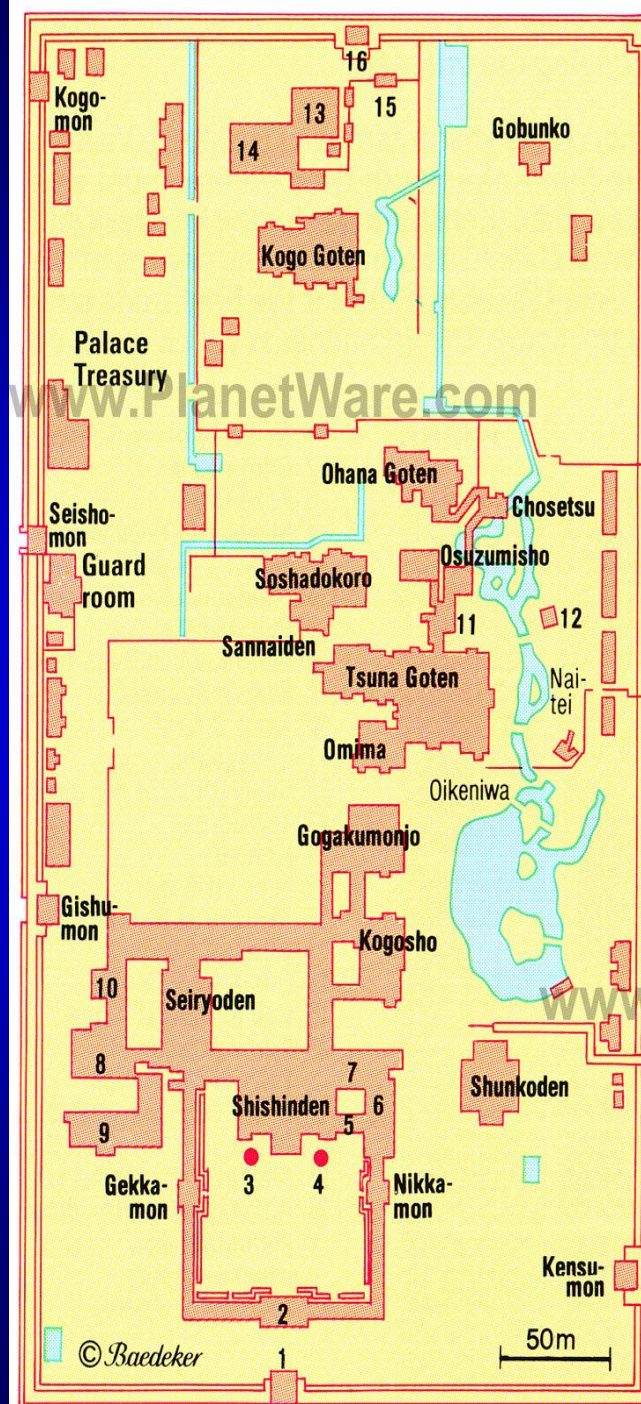
**Why does the city of HUE face
the South East, while the
imperial cities of Beijing,
Kyoto, Shenyang of the Ching
dynasty and even Thang Long,
Vietnam, all face the South ?**



Beijing



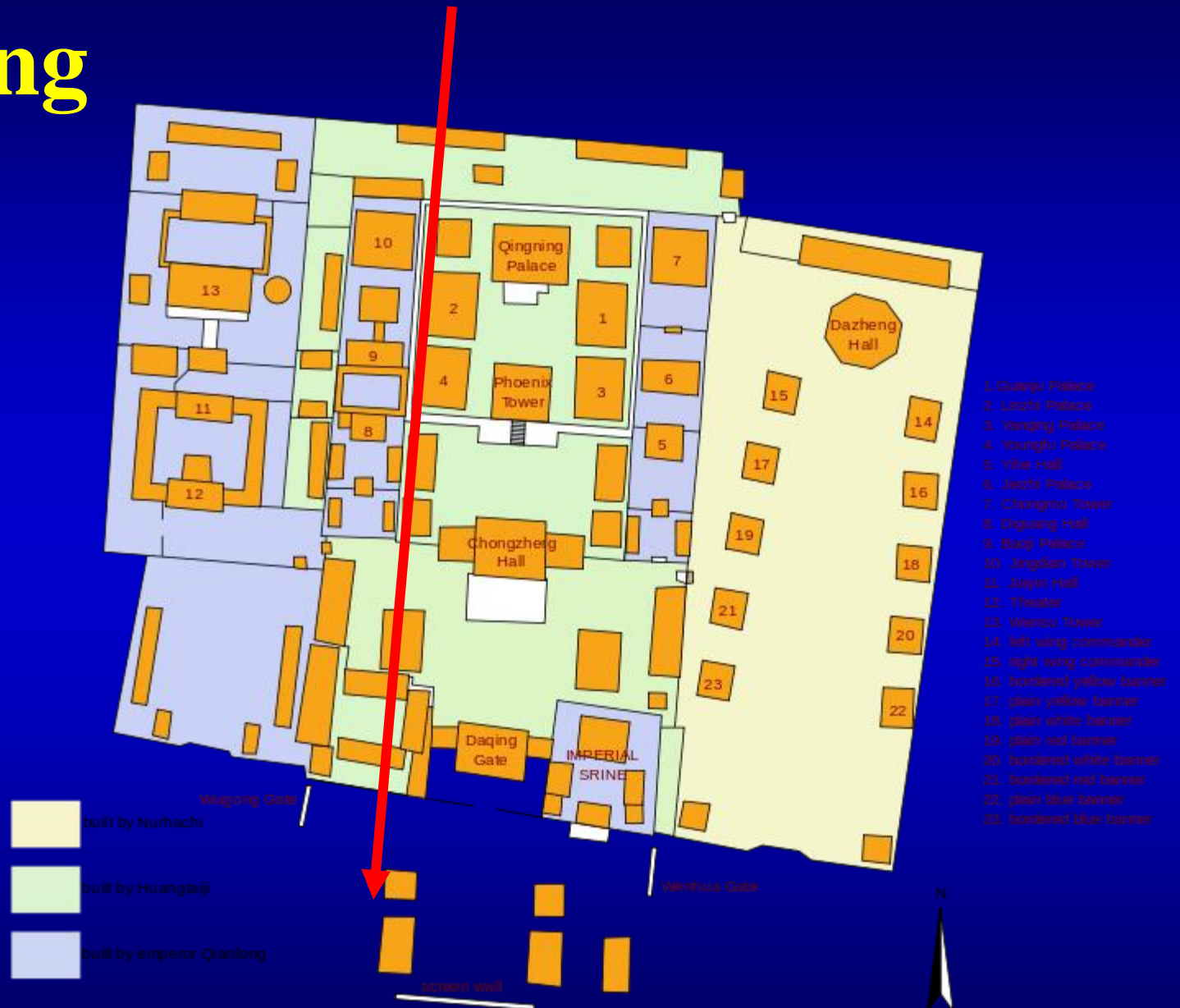
Kyoto



Old Imperial Palace

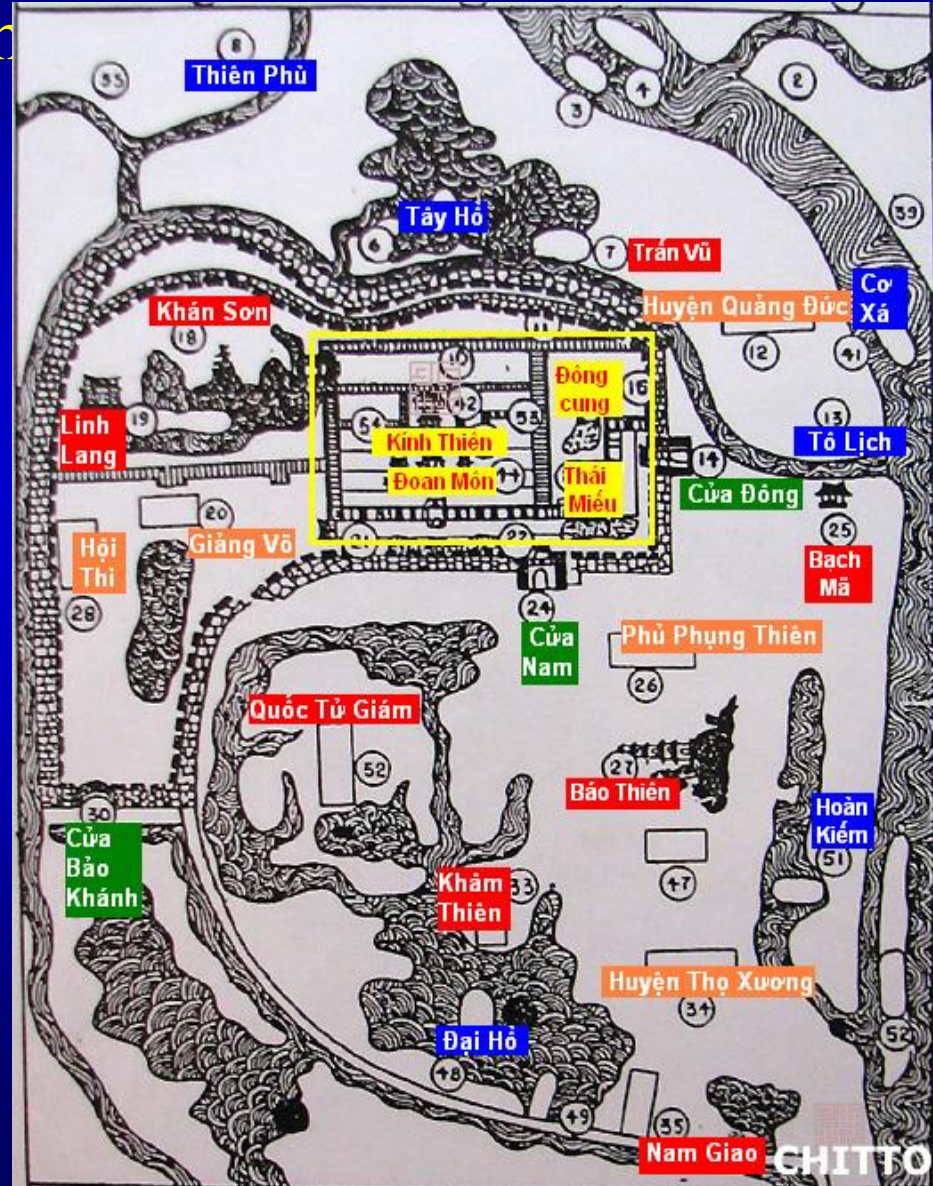
- 1 Kenrei-mon
- 2 Jomei-mon
- 3 Ukon-no-Tachibana
- 4 Sakon-no-Sakura
- 5 Roofed corridor
- 6 Glyoden
- 7 Jin-no-Zai
- 8 Shodaibu-no-ma
- 9 Shin-Mikuruma-yose
- 10 Okuruma-yose
- 11 Koshun-no-ma
- 12 Jishindono
- 13 Higiyosha
- 14 Himemiya Goten
- 15 Genki-mon
- 16 Sakuhei-mon

Shenyang



1490 Thang Long in Hong Duc map

<http://www.eastbound88.com/showthread.php/257-Ancient-Imperial-Citadel-Th>



1st Important Reason

**The reason is that the emperor
claimed to be the son of heaven so
he was the only one on earth
(south) who could communicate
with heaven (north). He was the
communicator connecting heaven
and earth which was symbolized
as a connection between north (+,
positive or duong) and south (-,
negative or am)**

- The Imperial city of Beijing is painted as the heaven on earth.



**In the past, the
Dowager Empress
Cuxi (Tu Hi Thai
Hau) was claimed to
be the reincarnated
Kwan Yin (Quan Am
Tai The)**



**If the Lord Nguyen Hoang
built the Kim Long palace on
the north south axis, he would
have been killed by the Trinh
Lord because Lord Nguyen
Hoang showed too early his
political ambition to be king of
Vietnam**

**If the north south axis
orientation was not feasible for
the Kim Long palace, then
what was the next best
alternative?**

**The Nguyen Lords selected the
South East axis. Why?**

Phu Kim Long before 1687



SƠ ĐỒ THỦ PHỦ PHỦ XUÂN I (1687 - 1712) =192



2nd Scientific Reasoning

winter sun

S

window

E

N

Proper orientation provides
warming sun in winter and
keeps out the hot afternoon sun
of summer.

summer
sun



(1:15)

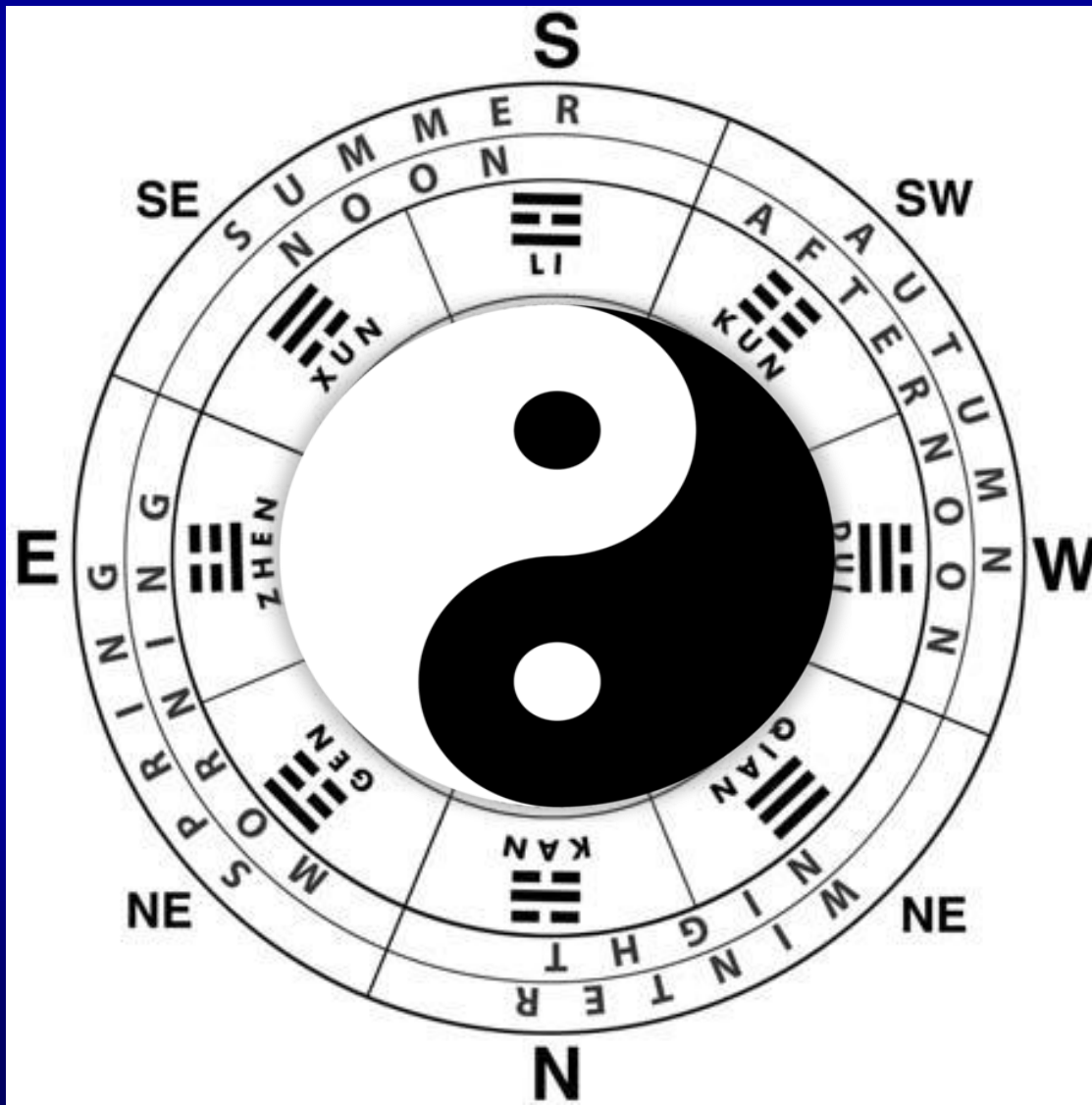
This is why the buildings or houses in Hue have a wooden front and a brick side to reflect away the afternoon heat



**As the north south axis
orientation was not feasible for
the Kim Long or Phu Xuan
palace, the Nguyen Lords
selected the South East axis.
Why?**

3rd Speculated Reason

Where is the best location for future development in this Baqua map?

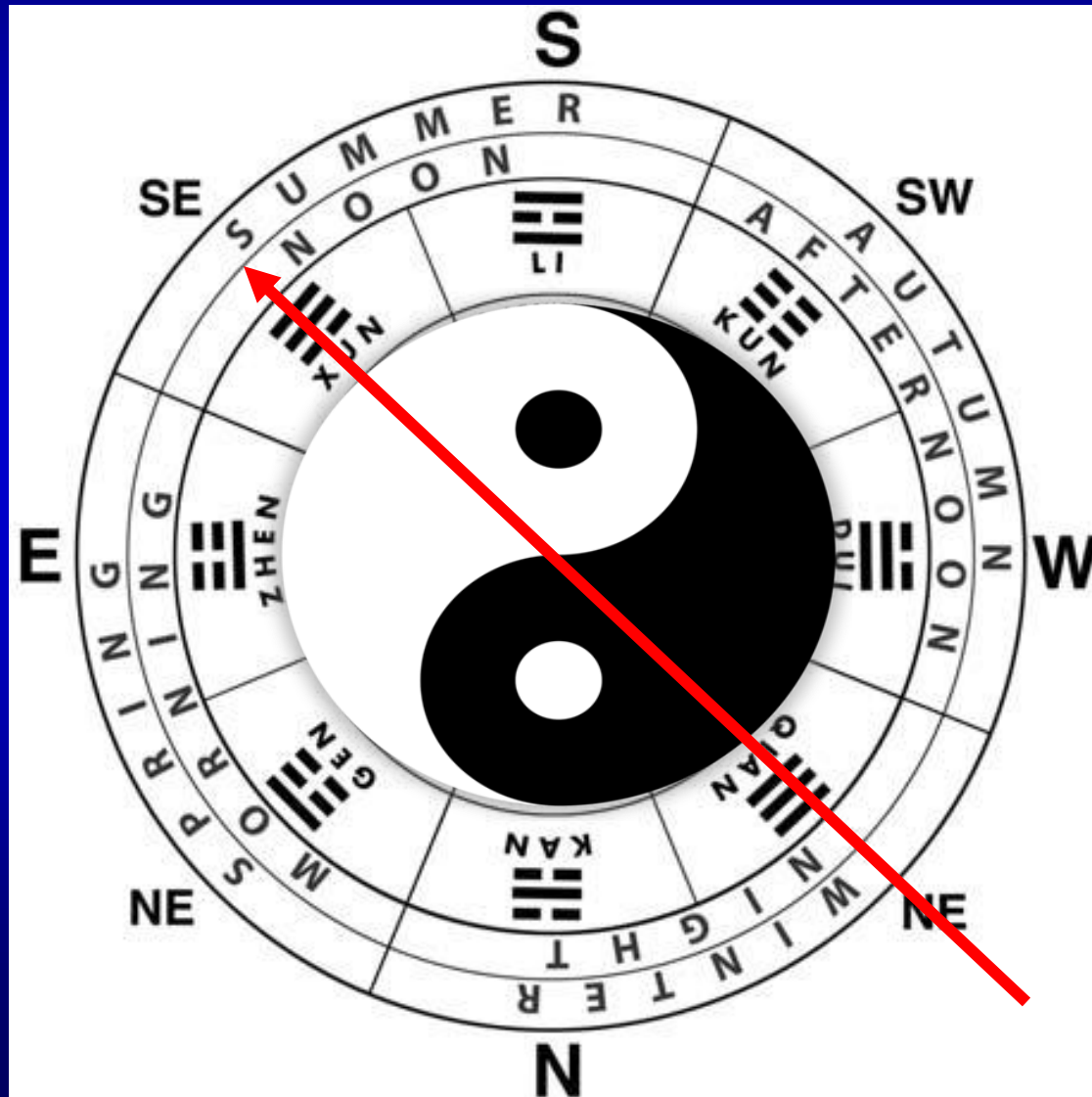


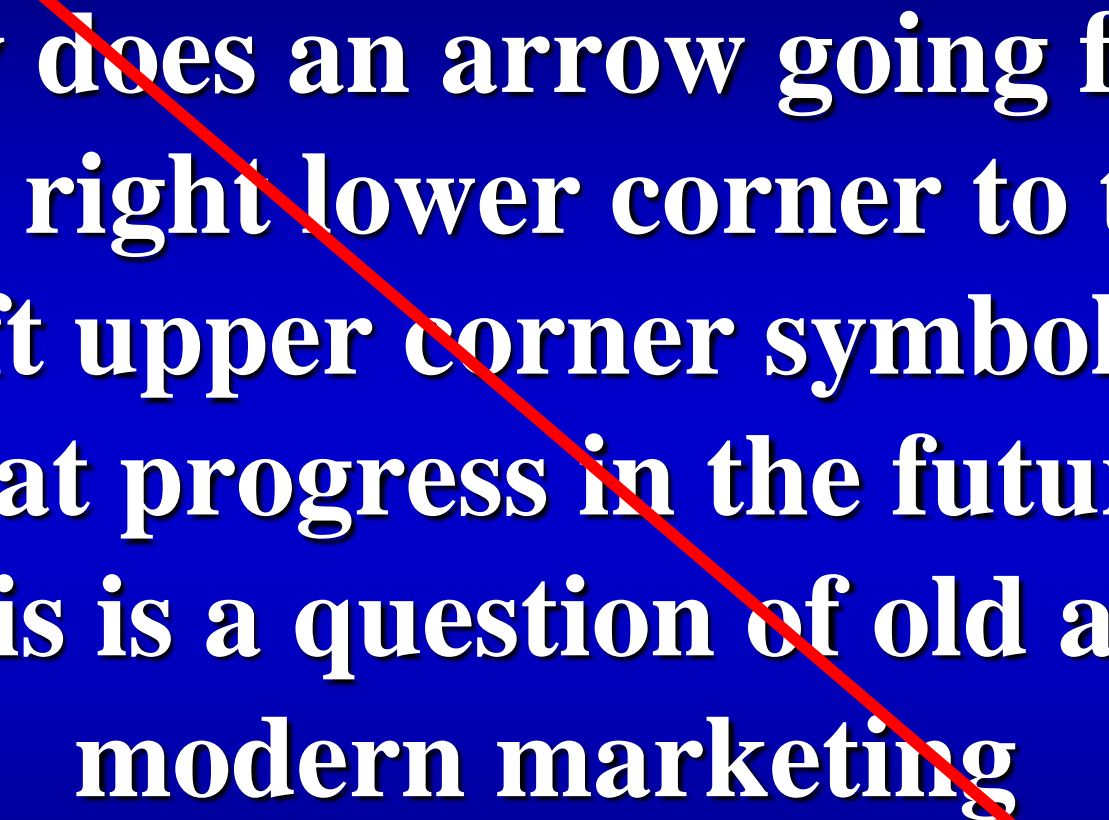
Is the North South Axis best for a Developing Fiefdom or an Aspiring Politician?



- **Question: Is the North South Axis best for a developing fiefdom or an aspiring politician?**
- **Answer: Pointing north is pointing at the top of a career (noon or full sunlight), of a dynasty or of a business. The next step is only to go down. So for an ambitious politician, he would start some steps below in order to go higher. The goal is to AIM high. It is the same strategy when we buy stocks. We buy low and sell high. Nobody wish to buy stocks at its peak.**

**Pointing at the south east is looking towards
an emerging and promising future**





**Why does an arrow going from
the right lower corner to the
left upper corner symbol a
great progress in the future?
This is a question of old and
modern marketing**

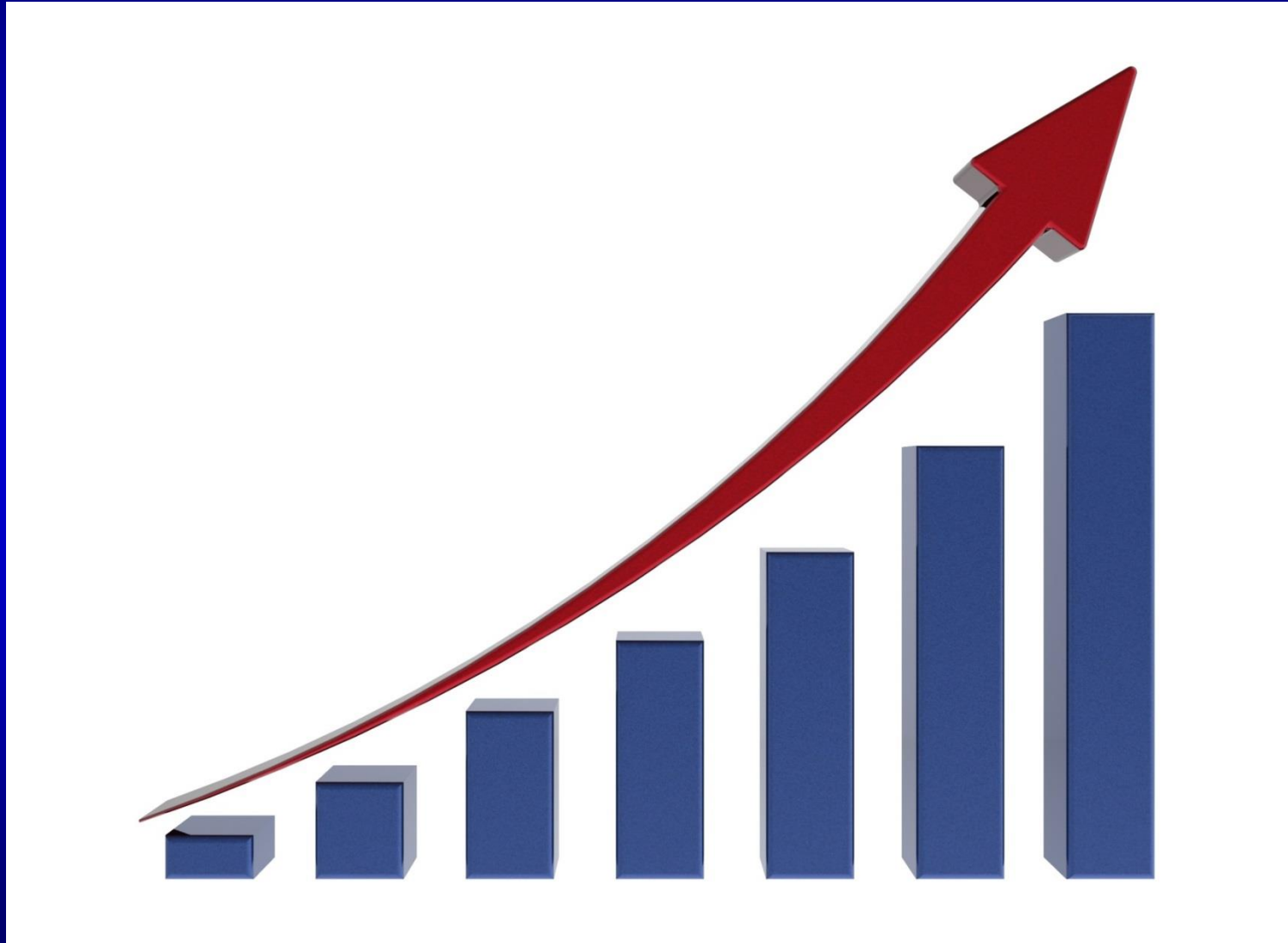
**I will show a few examples of
today's marketing ads**

First example

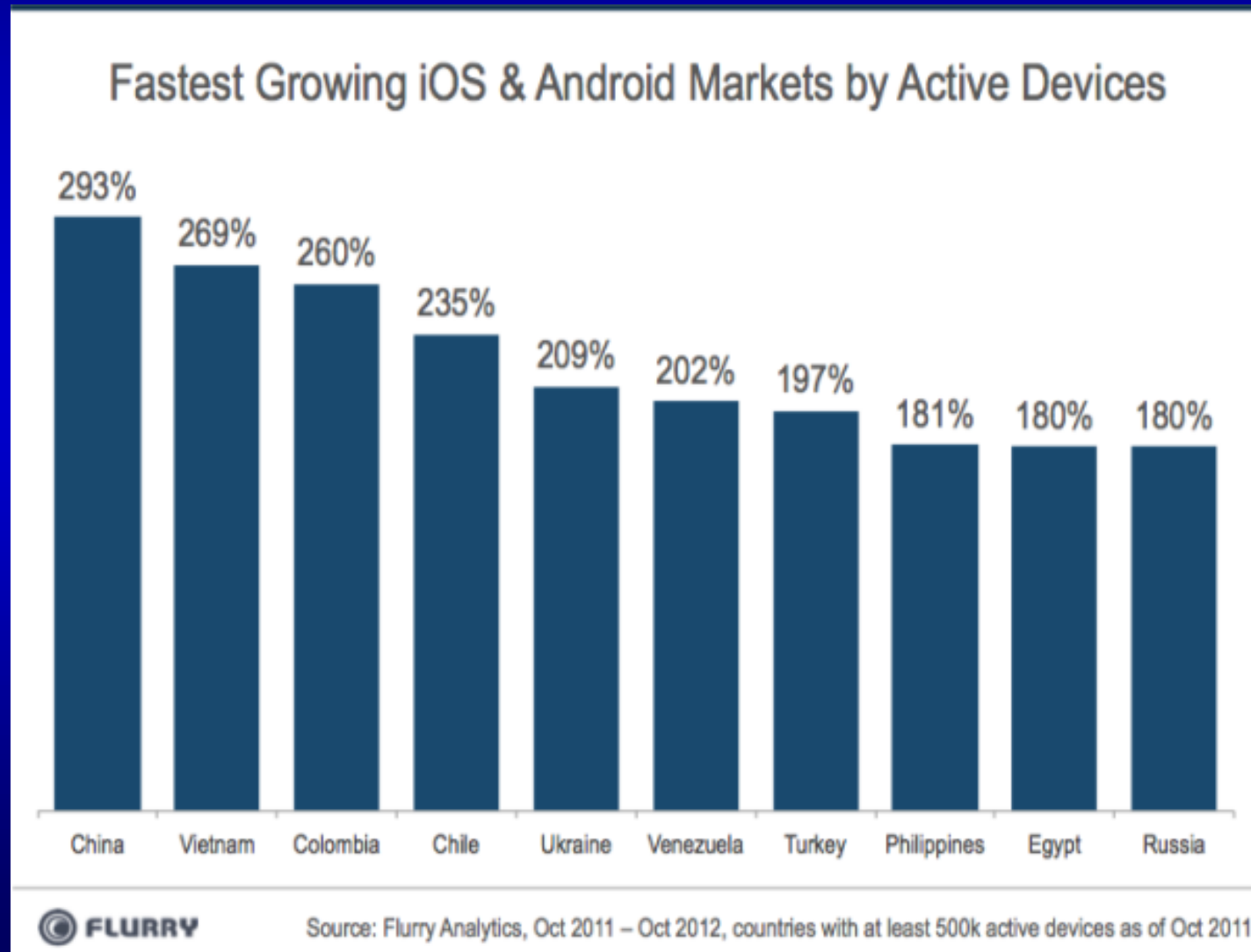
These 2 graphs show the sale of companies or countries. If you look from far away, which graph shows greater sale?



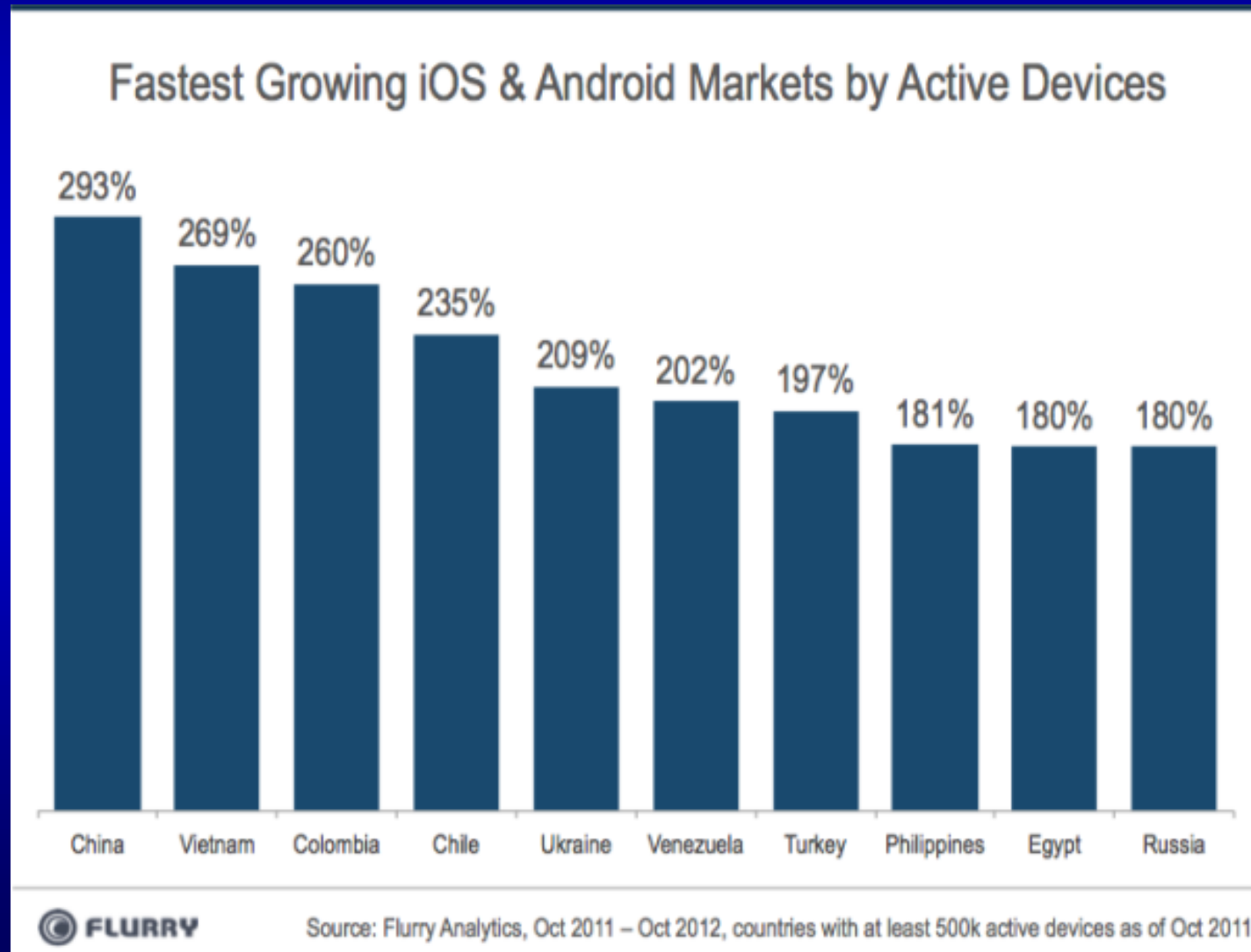
- Great sale



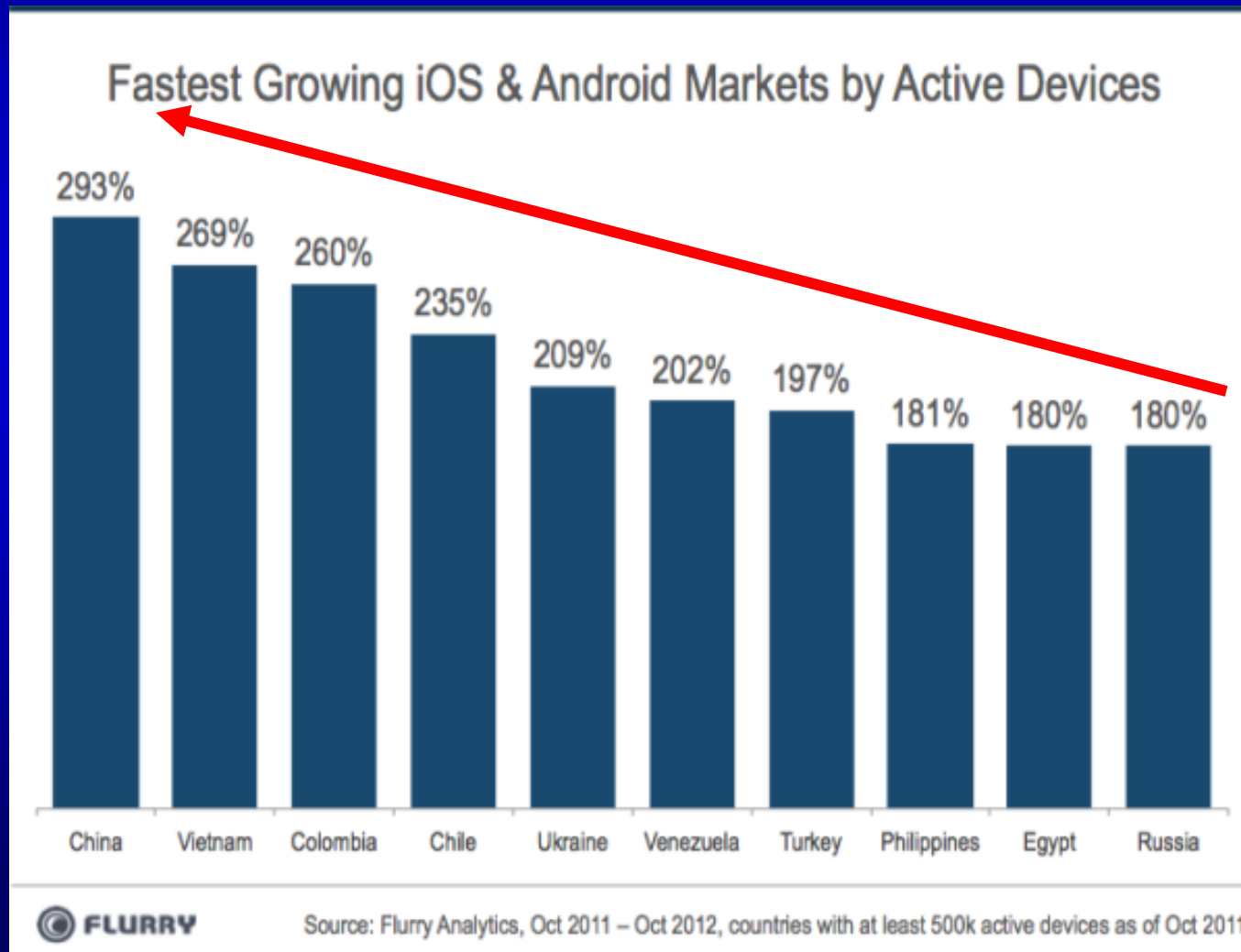
Does the presenter of this graph want to say that Russia is the worst or China is the best?



For Europeans or Americans, this graph shows that the sale in Russia is the worst



For Chinese readers, this graph emphasizes that China is the best, because the Chinese read from right to left and the arrow shows from the right lower corner to the left upper corner (the south east corner in the Bagua map)



Second example: This ad is for Americans so the view is from left to right and the message inciting women to buy this watch is at the end (right side)

Message:
Sac dep,
thanh lich
la mot vu
khi trong
xa hoi va
chinh tri.
Vi vay
minh
phai mua
no, de
chung ta
tro thanh
powerful



Third example: This ad is for Chinese (Chinese characters and model) so the view is from right to left and the message inciting women to buy this watch is at the left side. The message is: If you like it, buy it



康斯登
FREDERIQUE CONSTANT
GENEVE

康斯登代言人 舒淇

Live your passion



Fourth example: The cartoon below is for American. So the main focus of the cartoon is on the right side: a tall woman. The cartoon on the left is for Chinese on the China Daily: So the cartoon starts from the right and ends on the left. The main obsession, an European woman is at the left end



3 dòng 1 chuc dan ong

Tình yêu của các cô gái
thấp cổ lòi hy vọng yêu,
vấn đề mẹ và vấn đề
hiện tại cả cho người
đẹp



The hotel in Singapore: Does the business go up? Yes, according to the Singaporeans



Which Dragon is Moving Forwards?



Going Forwards by Americans and going backwards by Chinese



Going Forwards by Chinese and going backwards by Americans

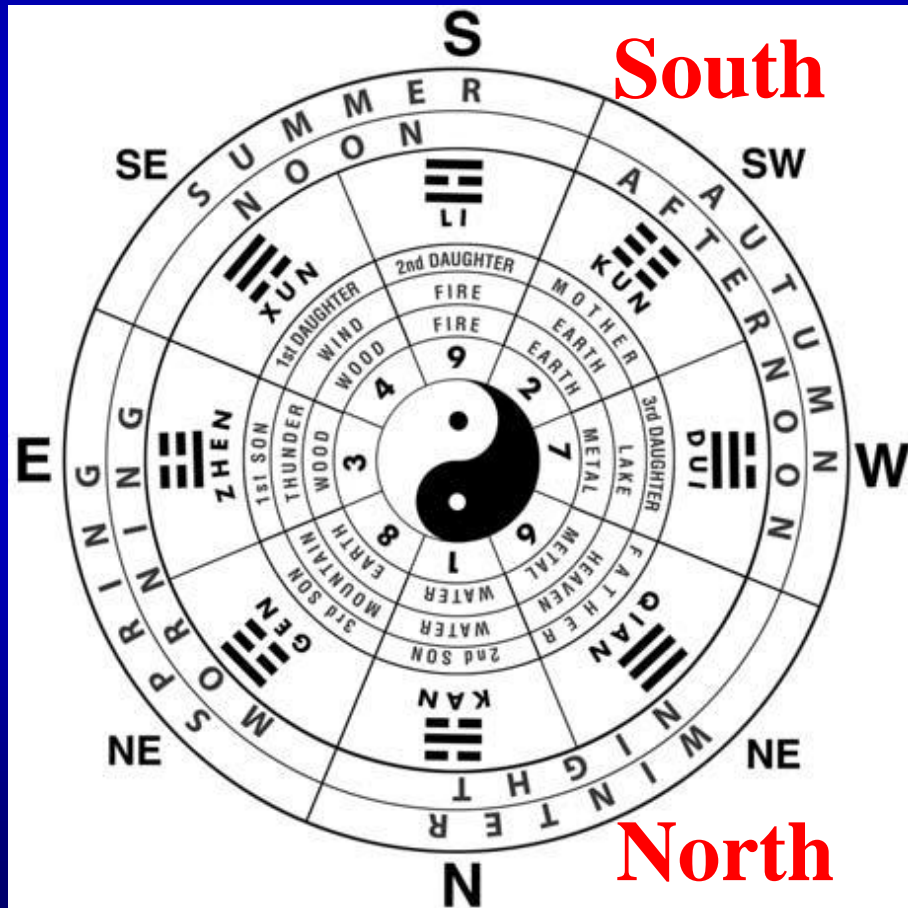


**So now, we understand why the
arrow pointing south east on
the geographic map is the
arrow pointing to the left and
upper corner on a Bagua map.
This may be the reason why the
Imperial city of Hue is facing
the South East corner**



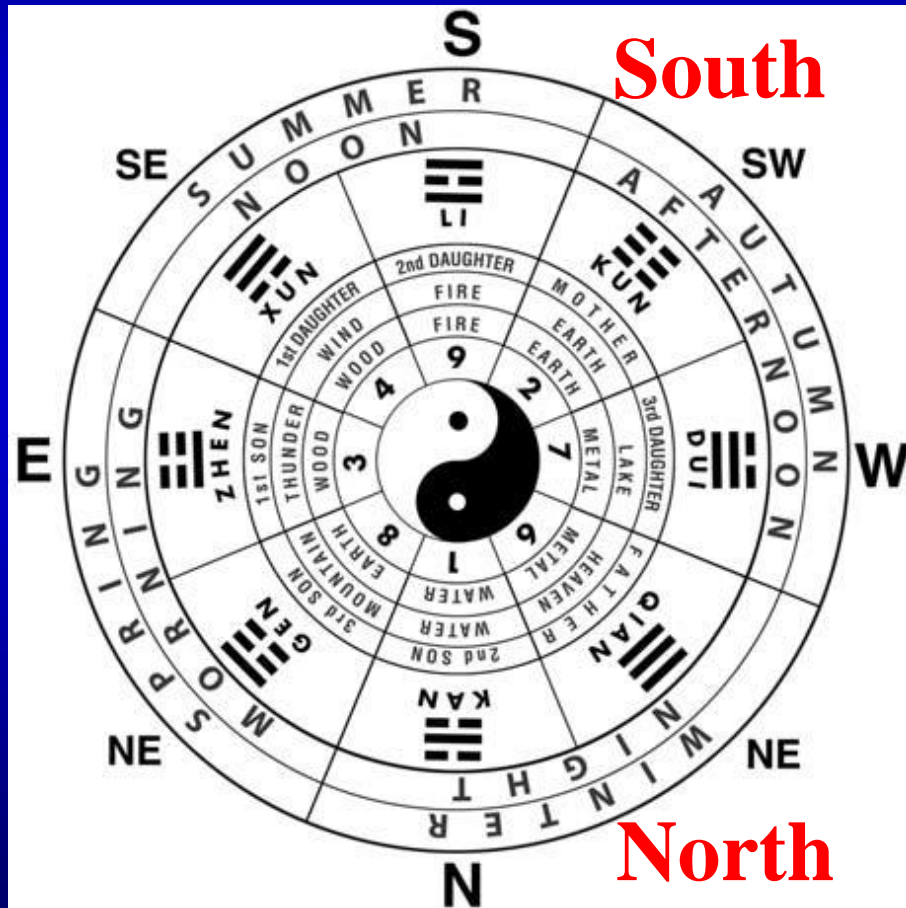
**Now I have a scientific question
about the Bagua map**

Do you see anything peculiar or wrong in these Bagua maps?



The Bagua Map has the North at the bottom and the South on the Top.

WHY?



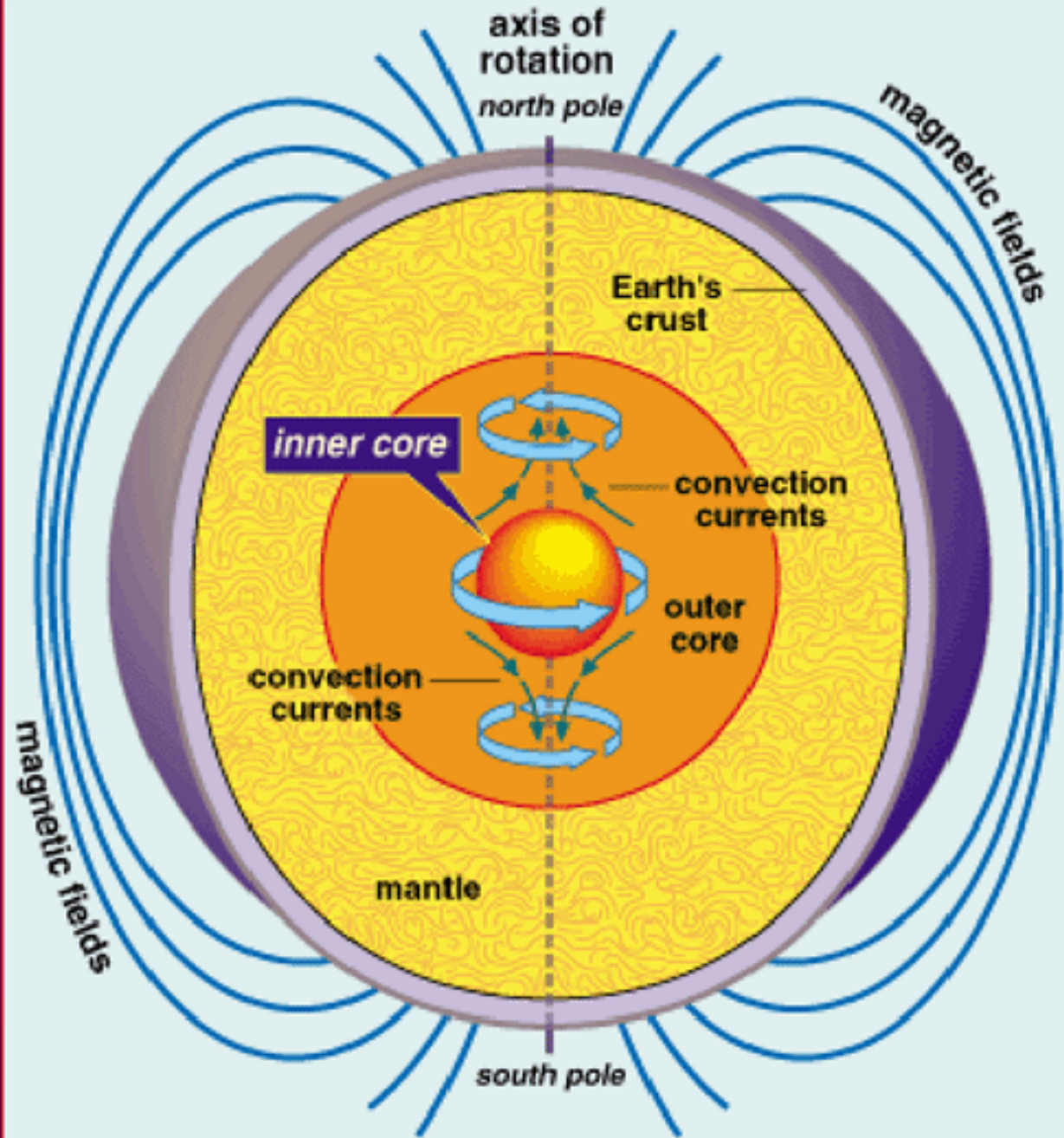
**In Which Branch of Science do we
have the Same Observation and
Concept?**

This is the earth as we see on
regular photos

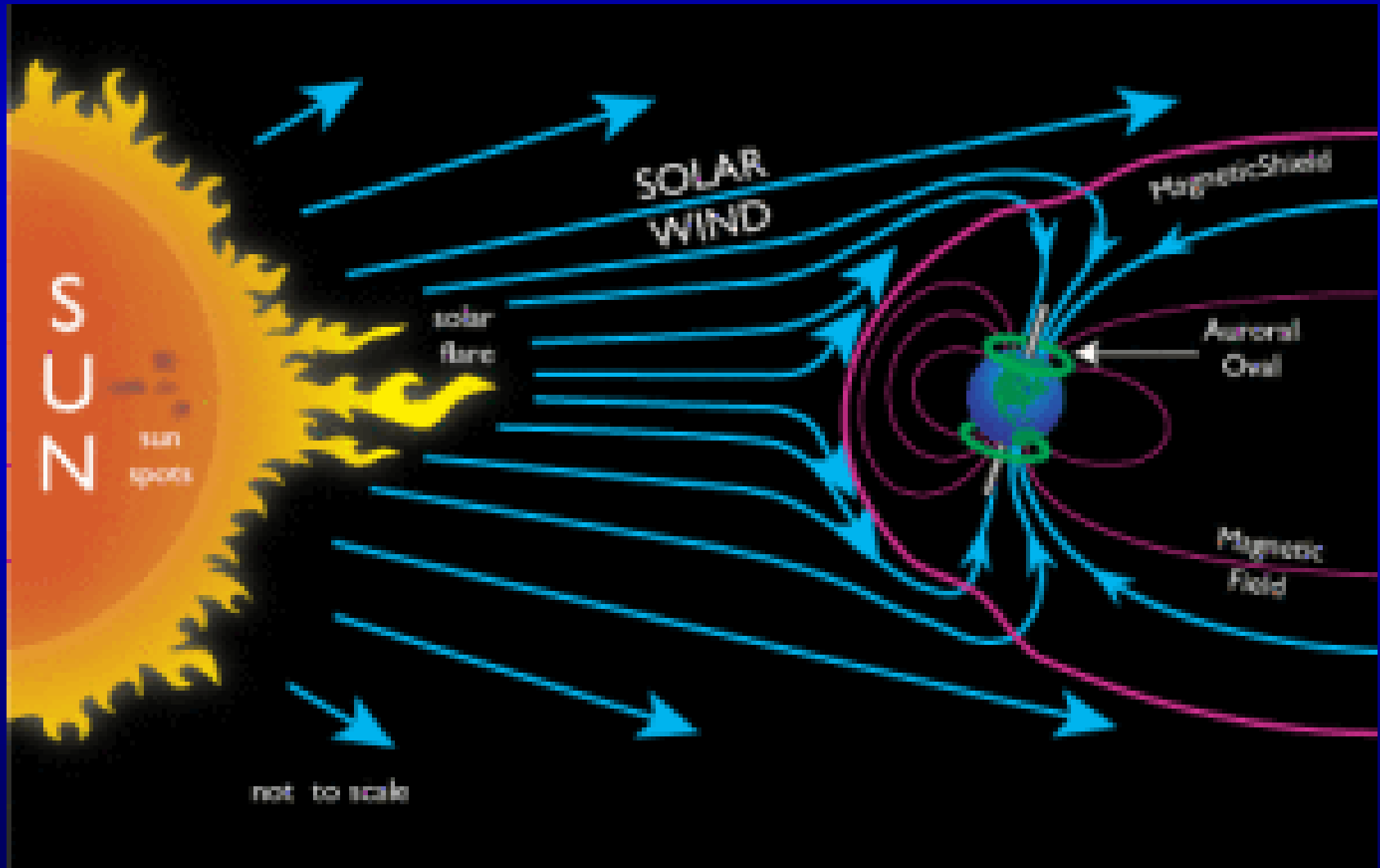


Now we talk about the magnetic field of the earth. The earth is like a large dynamo with an inner core of iron. Around it, there are strong currents moving around and creating the magnetic field of the earth

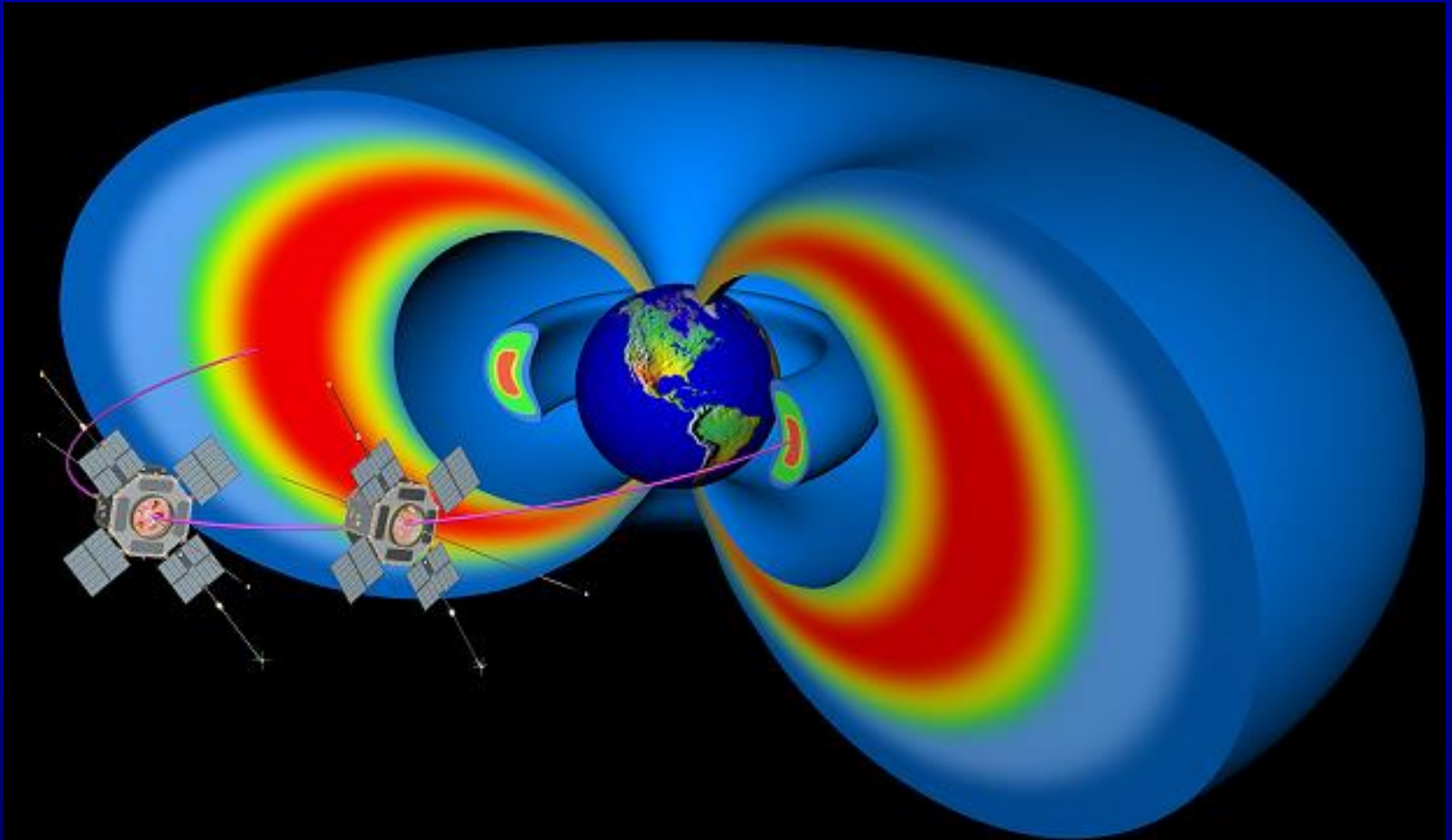
EARTH'S INNER CORE CURRENTS



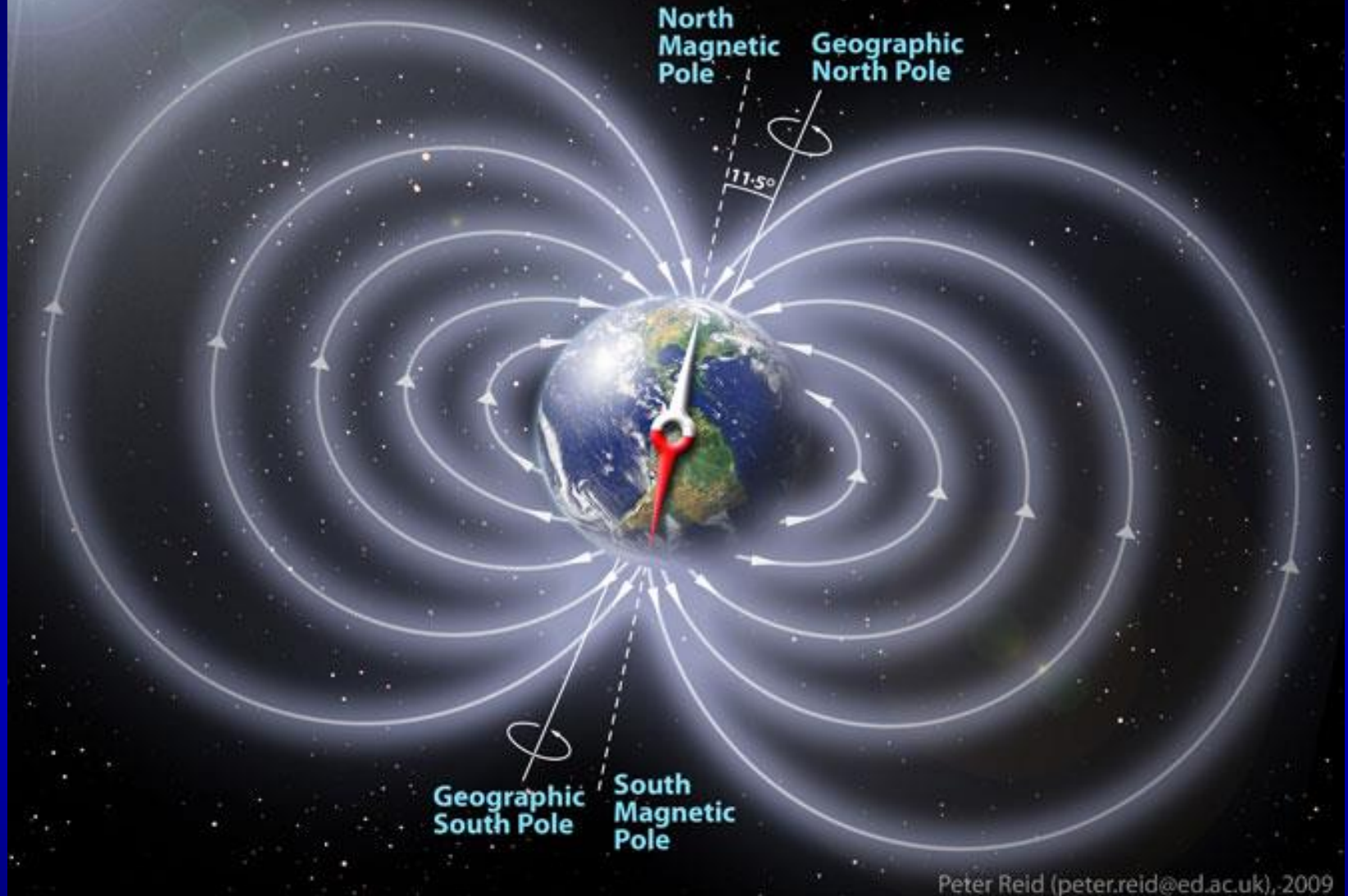
This magnetic field protects the earth from the lethal radiation of the sun



We knew about this magnetic field only after the satellites in the 1950s could verify the presence of the magnetic field from space

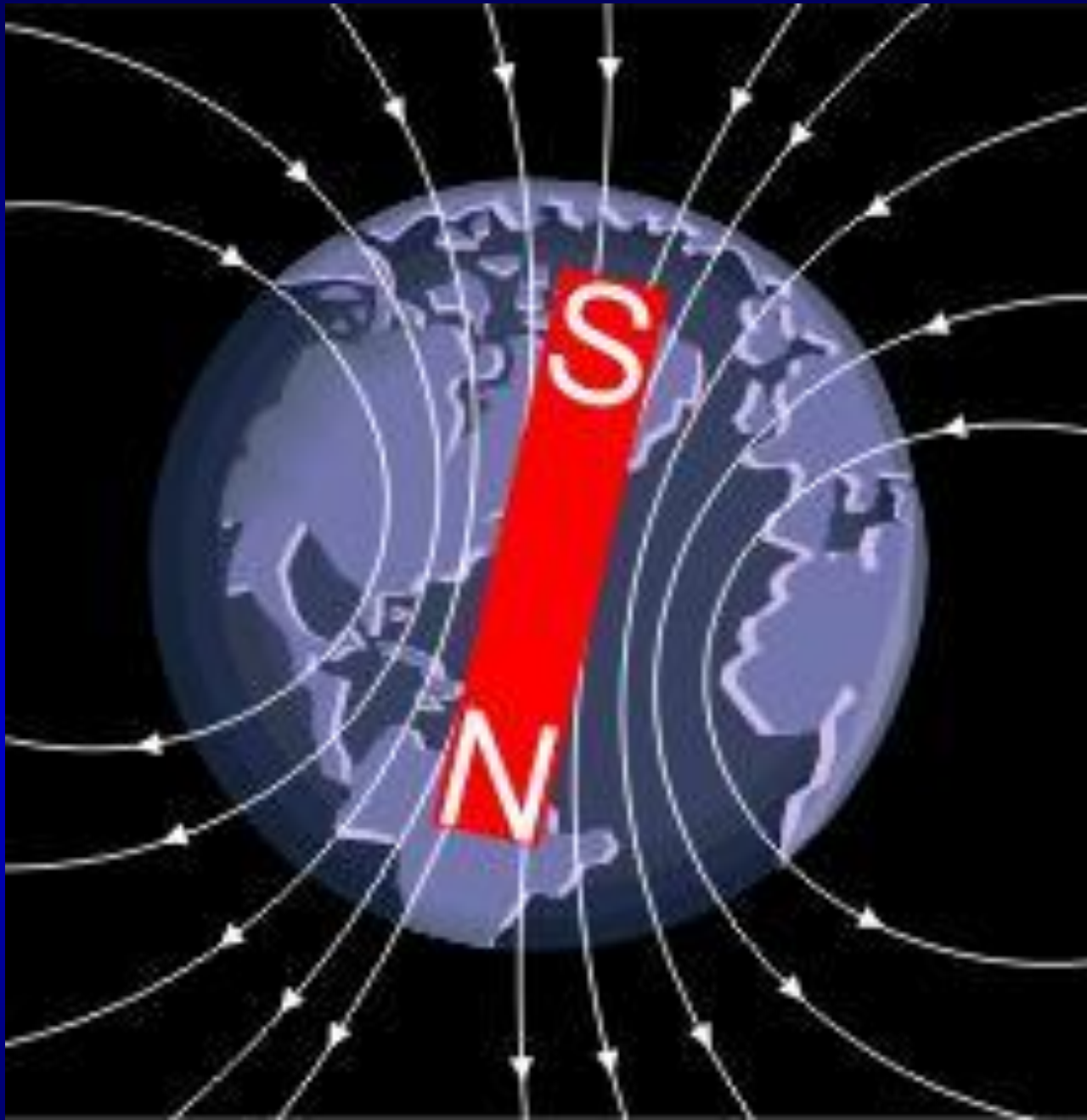


The Earth's Magnetic Field



<http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/2012-poleReversal.html>

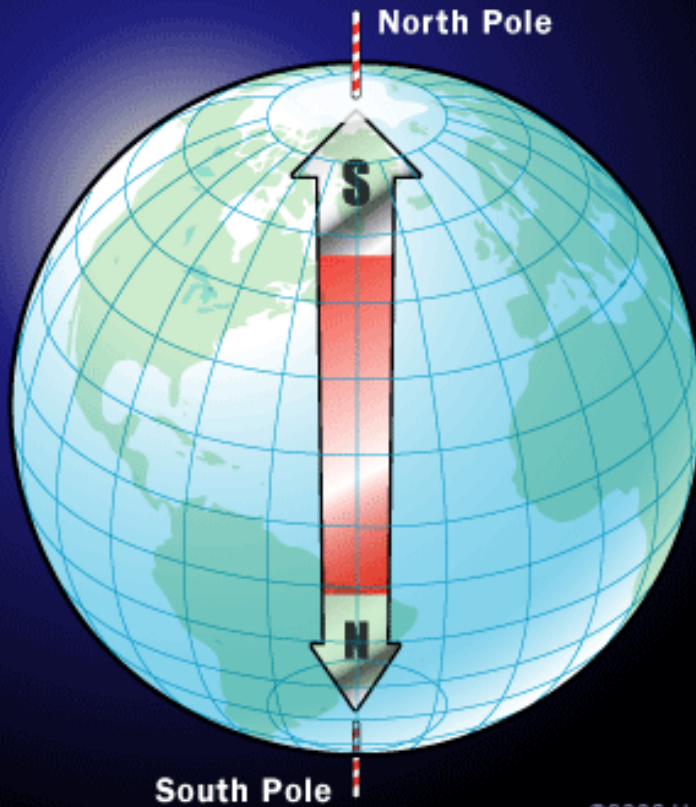
However, if we look at the earth as a large dynamo, then we could present the inner core of the earth as a magnet. At this moment, the north side of the magnet is located in the south pole. The next slide is taken from a American website teaching physics to students



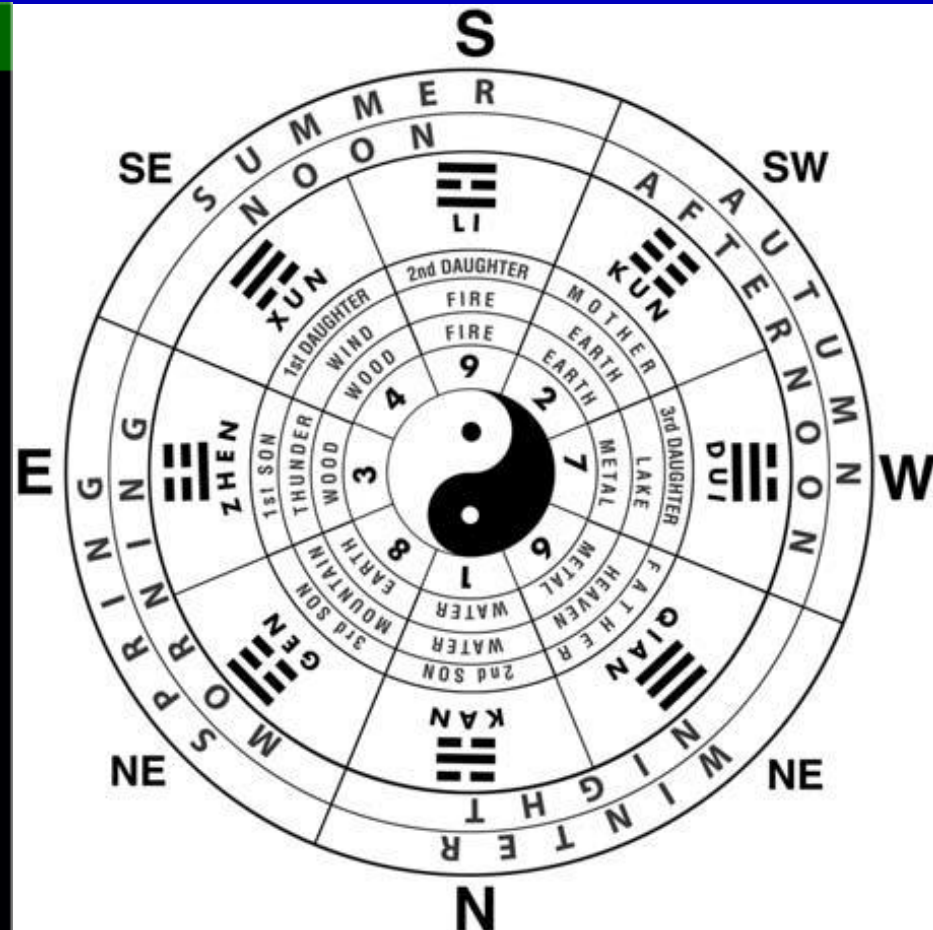
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If the Bagua map wants to show how the world or the earth is functioning as a large dynamo with an inner core magnet, then the Bagua map is correct

How Compasses Work Pole Magnetism

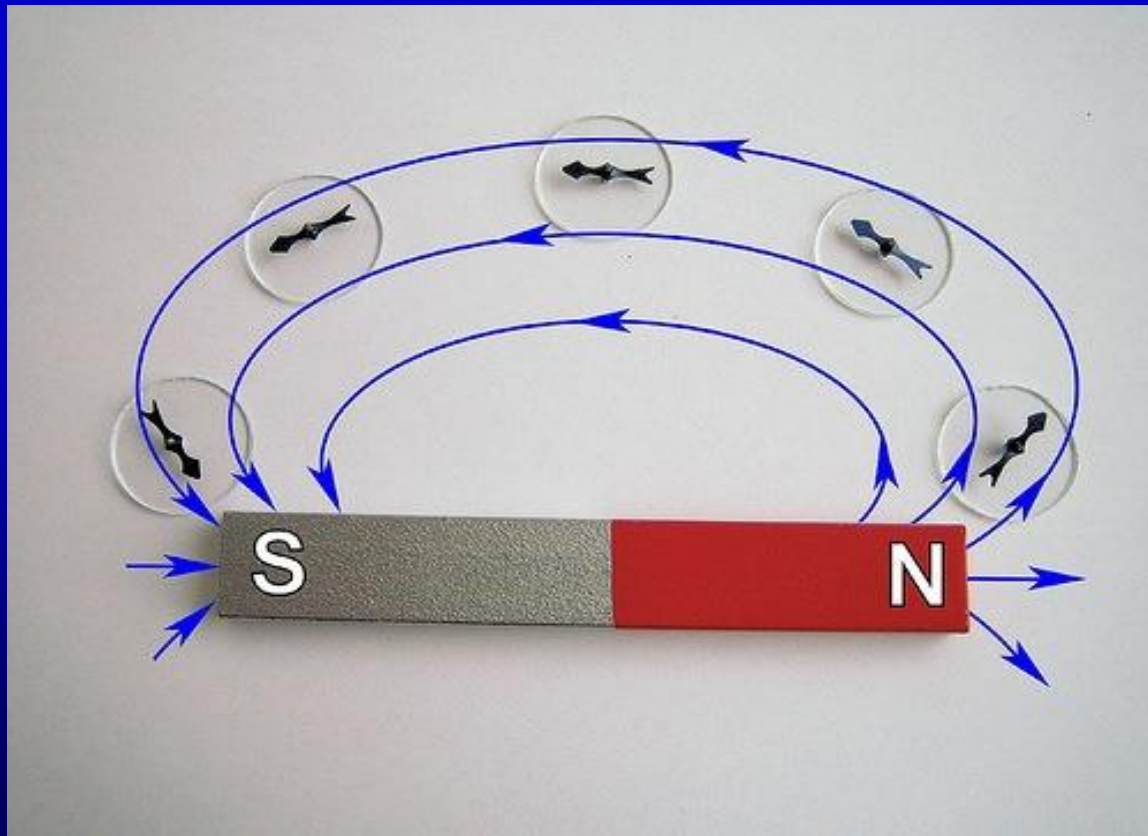


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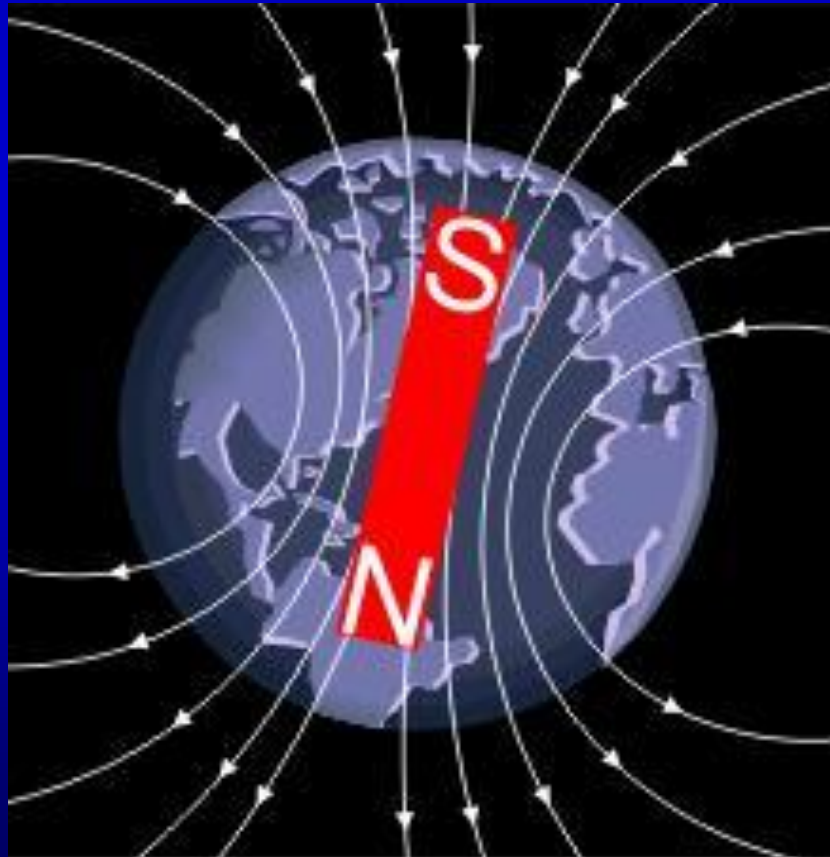


How did the people in the antiquities (more than 3000 years ago) know about the principle of magnetism and draw a map with the north at the bottom and the south on the top? The Bagua map is the functional map of the magnet core inside the earth.

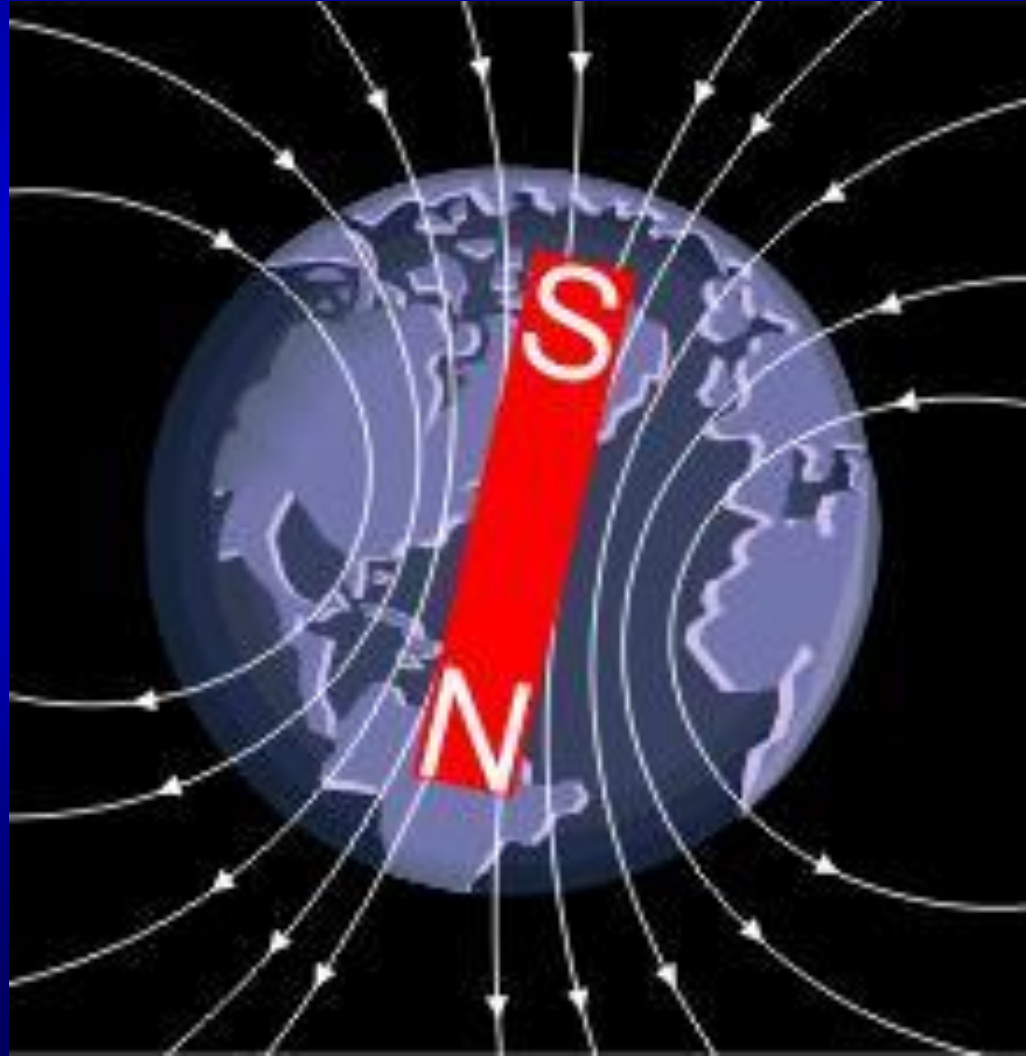
- In today's physics, the conventional agreement is for a magnet, the end which the magnetic field enters is called south and the end where the magnetic field exits is called north.



- **Because the magnetic field enters the north pole and exits at the south pole so the huge magnet inside the earth should have its north pole in the south of the geographic earth**



**Did the Vietnamese people know
about this principle?**



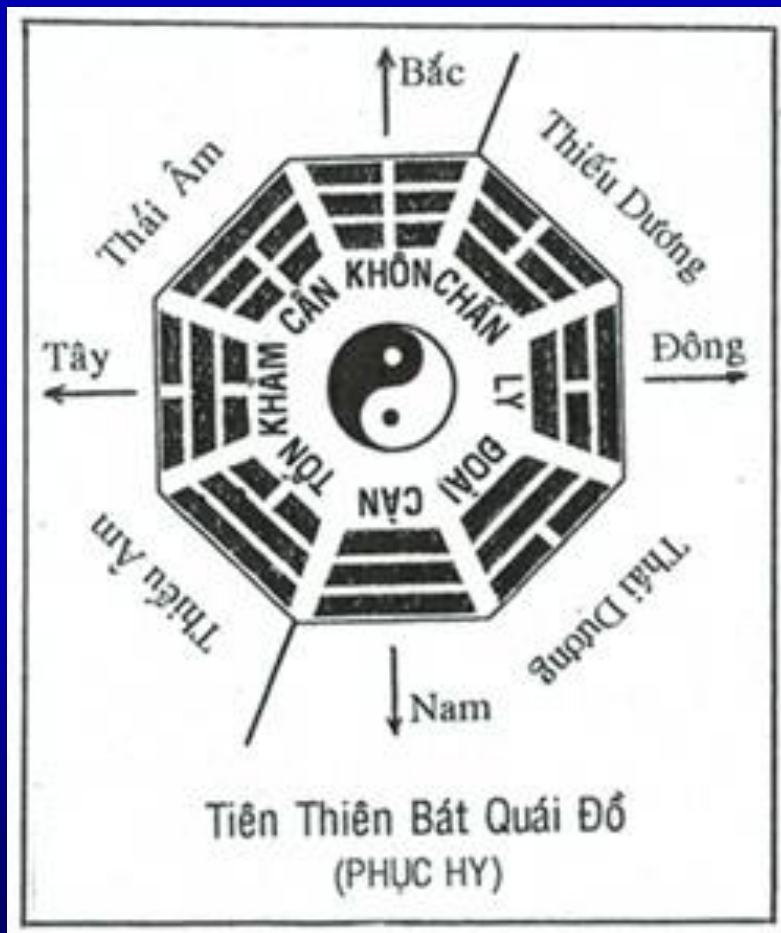
- **Did the ancient Vietnamese people know about this principle? I believe so.**
- **In today's physics, the conventional agreement is for a magnet, the pole which the magnetic field enters is called south and the pole where the magnetic field exits is called north.**
- **The day to day Vietnamese language has an expression: Vao nam ra bac. Where does it come from? Does it have any connection with the current principle of going in and out of a magnetic field on a magnet?**

Now I have a more complex scientific question on the Bagua map. Have you ever seen a Bagua map with the north on top and the south at the bottom?

This Bagua map has the north on its top and the south on its bottom



What is the difference between these 2 maps?



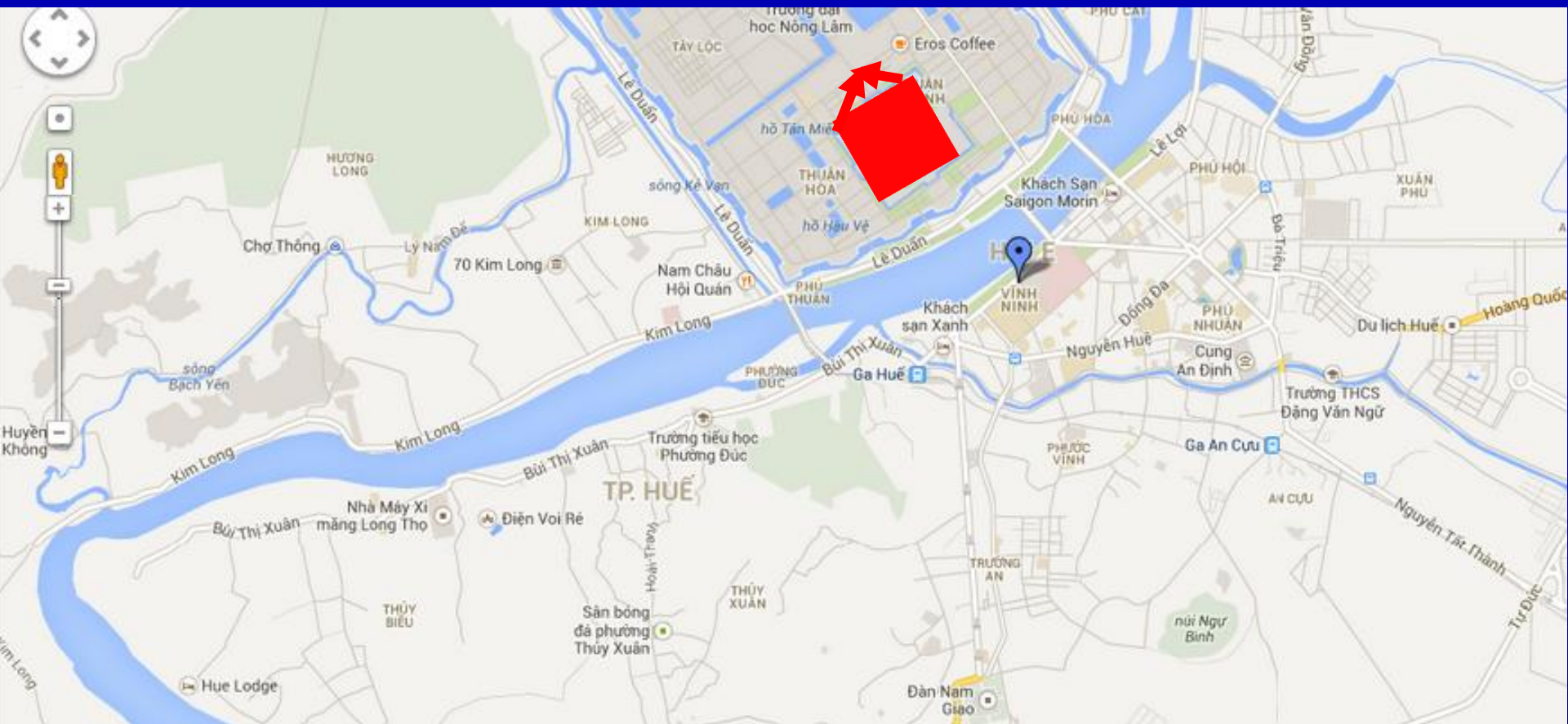
The difference is that one is of tien thien and the other one is of hau thien. Can we explain this difference with the earth magnetic field?

- 800,000 years ago, the earth's magnetic field has flipped its polarity so the large magnet inside the earth has its north end at the geographic north pole like in the Tien Thien Bat Quai. Here is the reference from the NASA website
- <http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/2012-poleReversal.html>

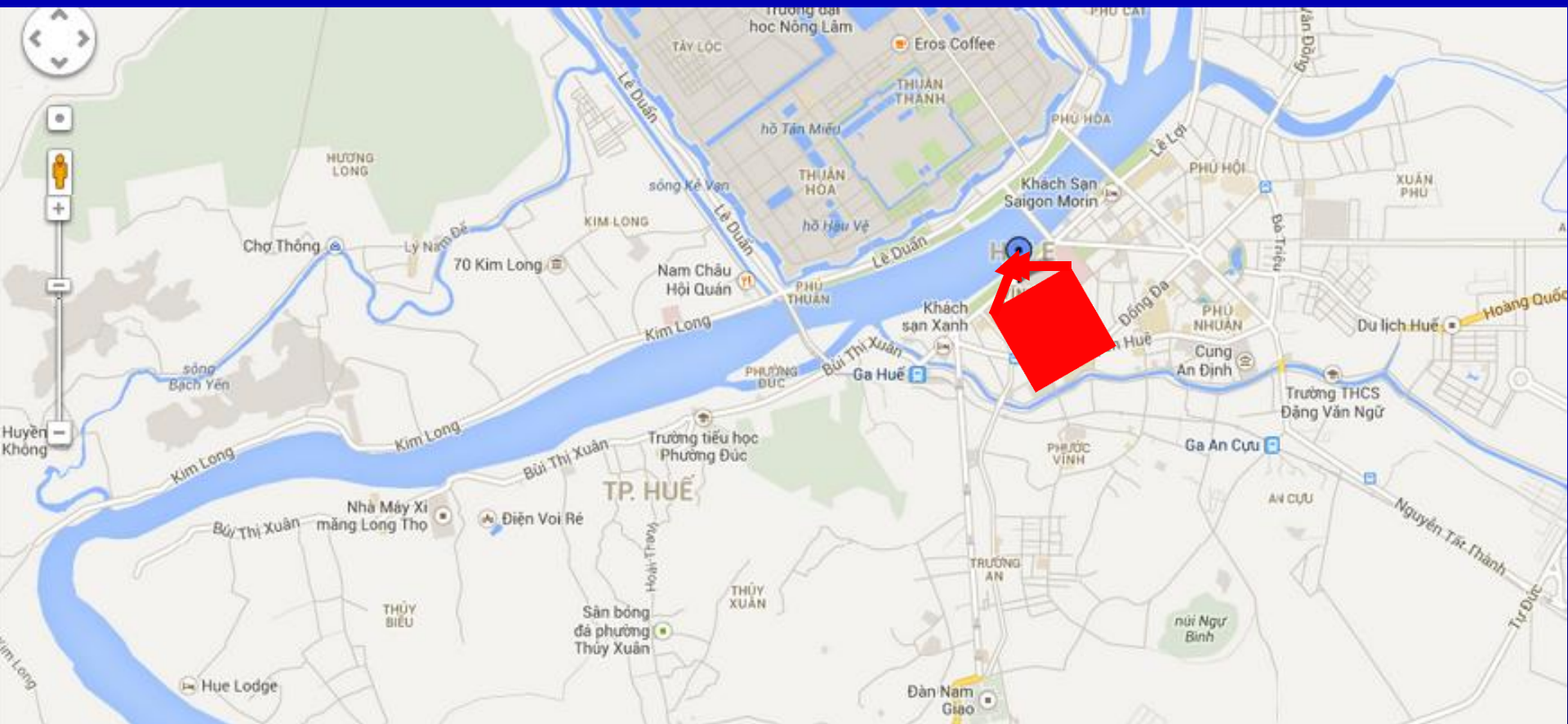
The GOOD location of HUE:

If I was requested to position the City of Hue, according to the old traditional perspective, where would I have the orientation of the city of Hue?

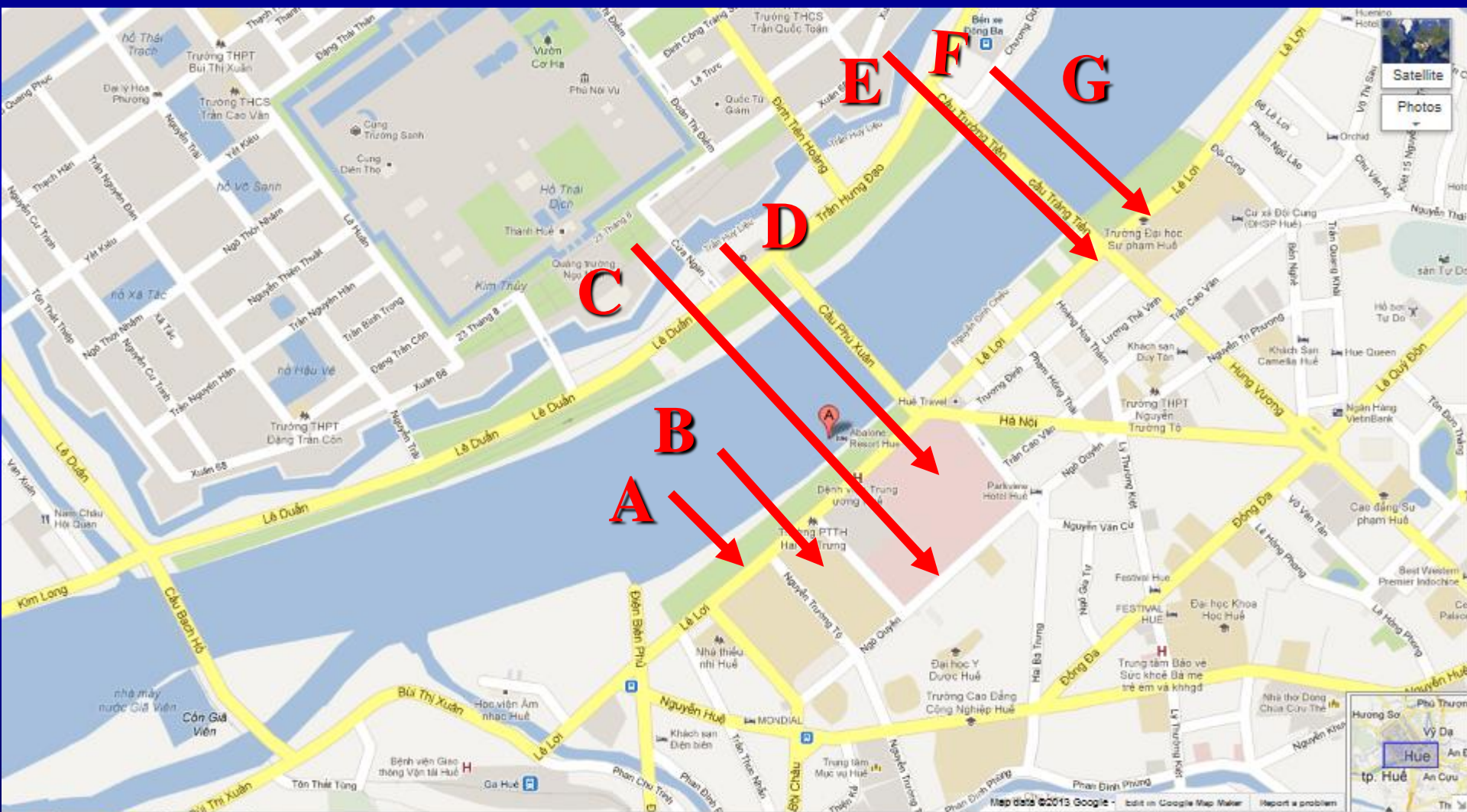
Now the Imperial City is looking to
the North West: It is not well
balanced like the Dong Ba market



Now the Imperial City is positioned on the other side of the river, looking towards the North West, is the location good?

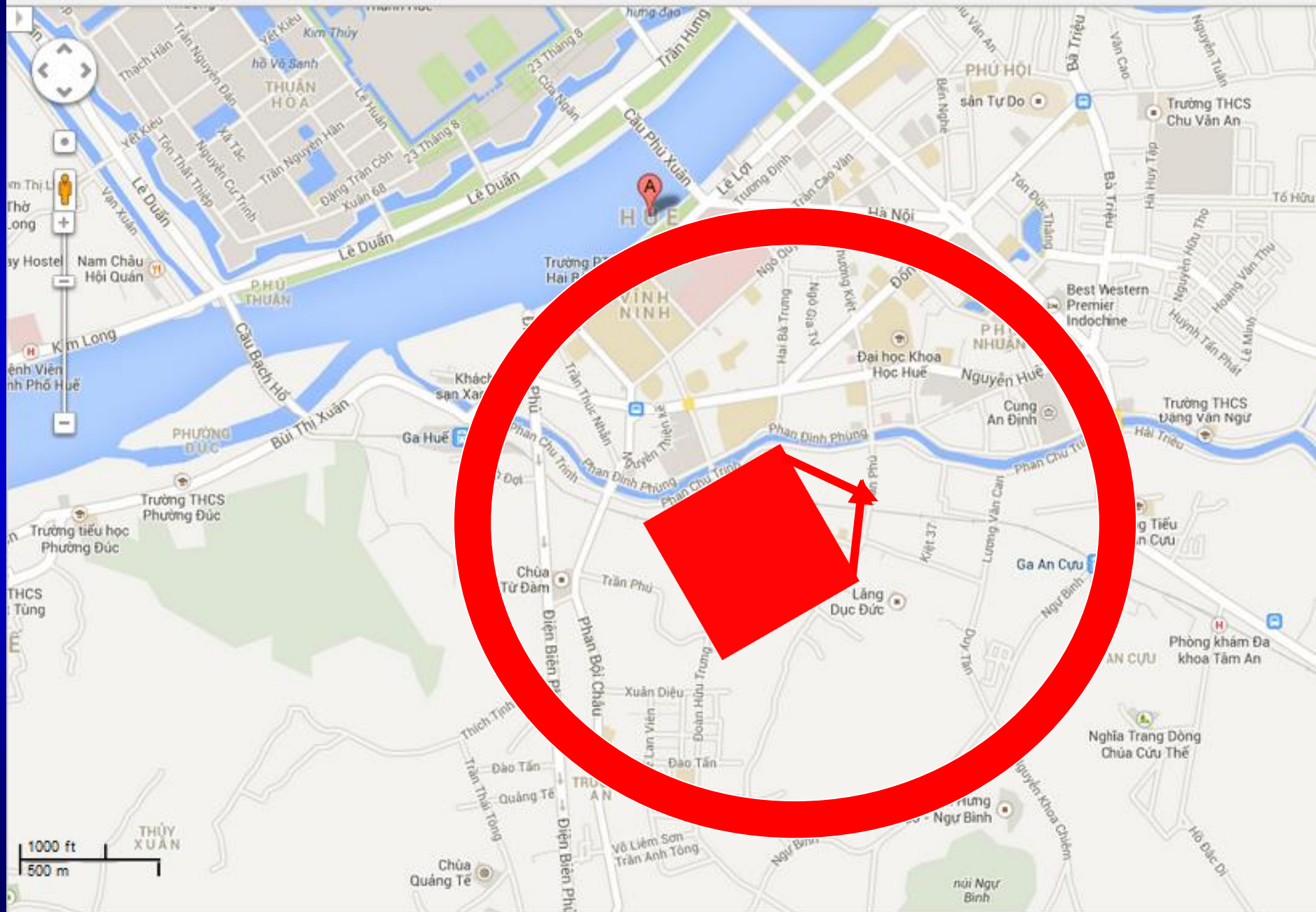


- Now we see all the GREAT institutions of Hue, on this side of the river, looking towards the Thai Hoa Palace.
- A. Quoc Hoc HS
- B. Dong Khanh HS
- C. Hue Medical School
- D. Hue general hospital
- G. Faculty of Pedagogy
- E. The faculty of Letters had its entrance looking east: The school moved
- F: The faculty of science had its entrance looking south east. The school moved

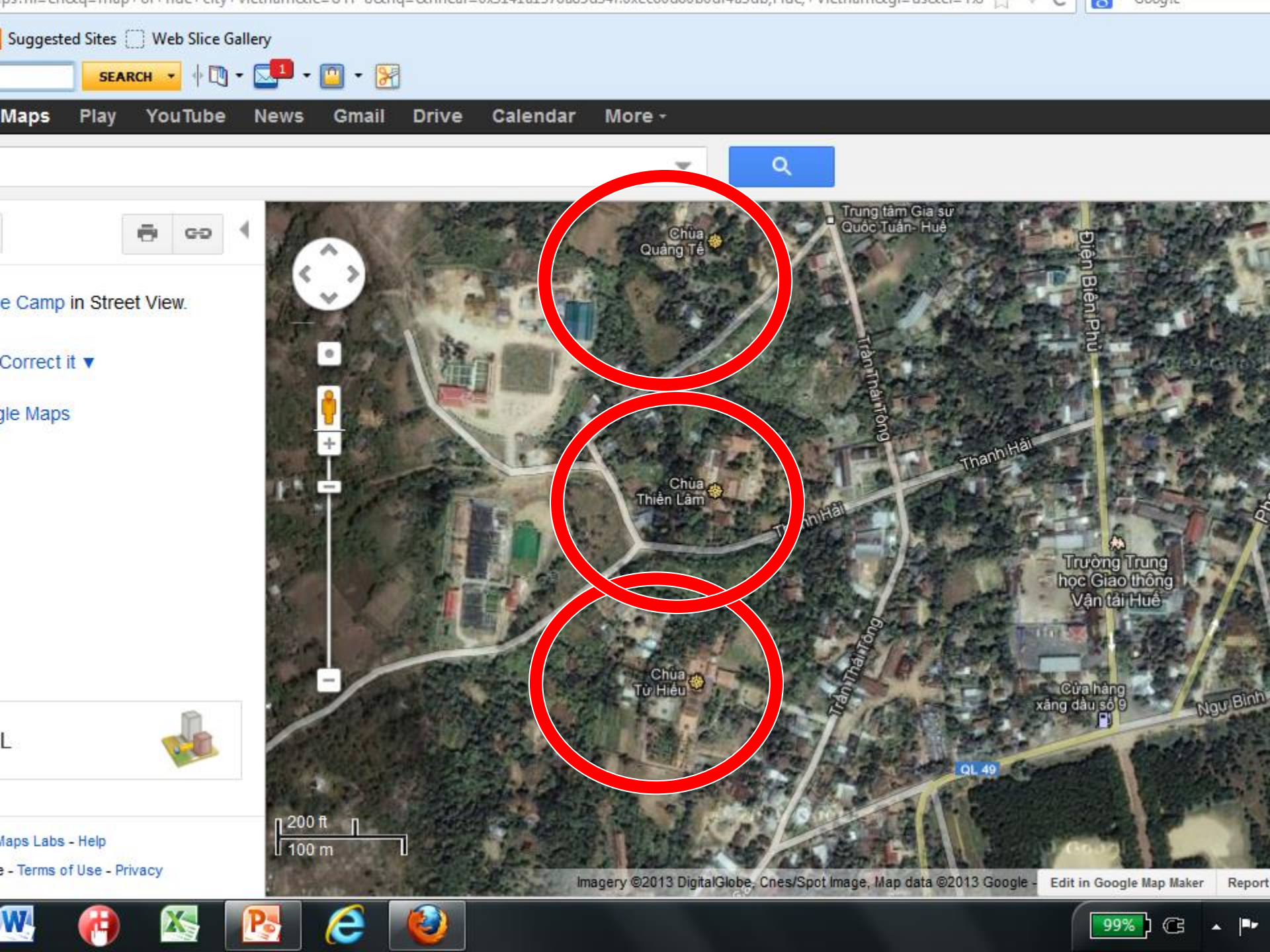


**What is the BEST location of
HUE?**

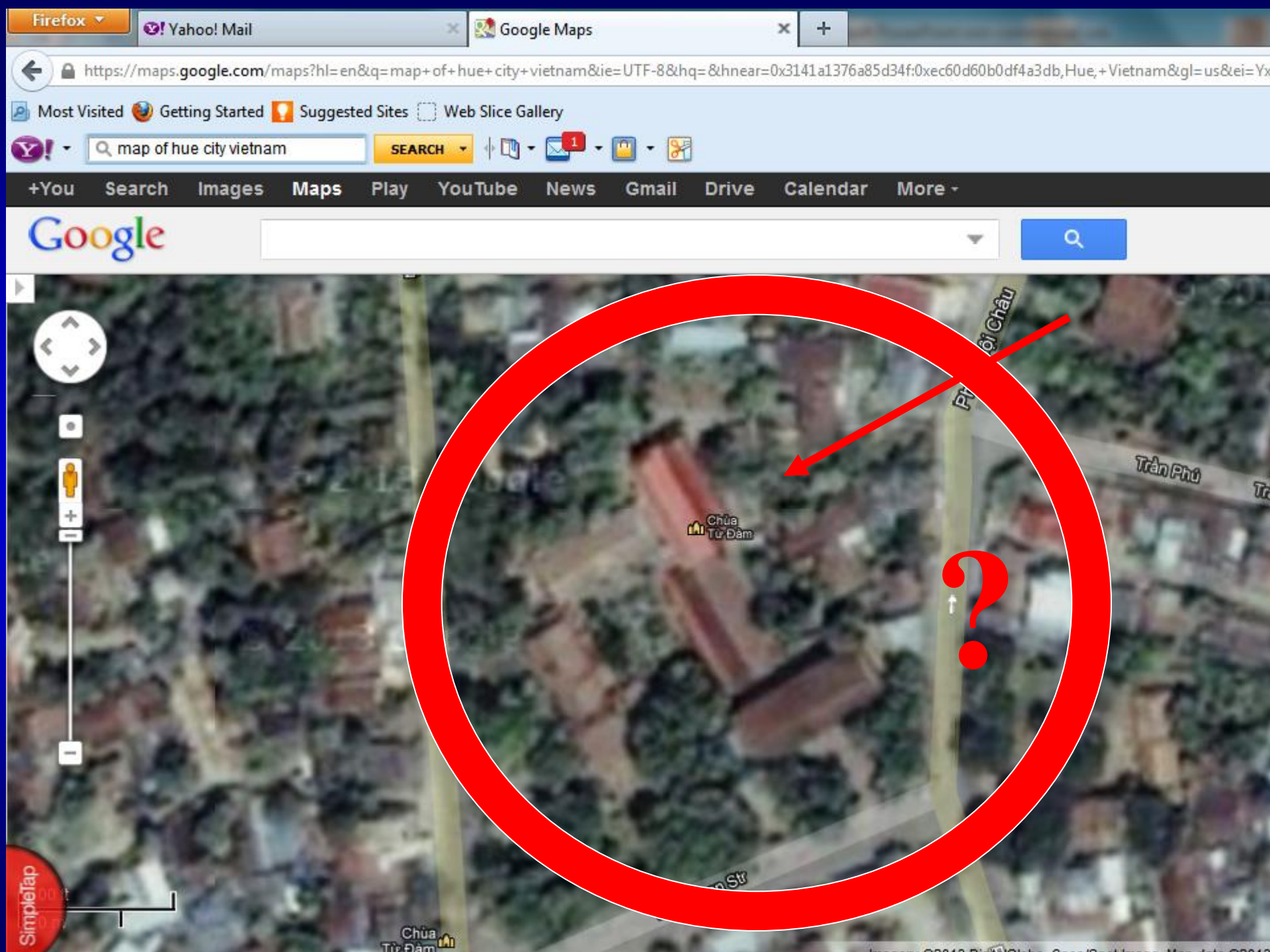
**It is between the Gia Vien
island and Ngu Binh mountain**



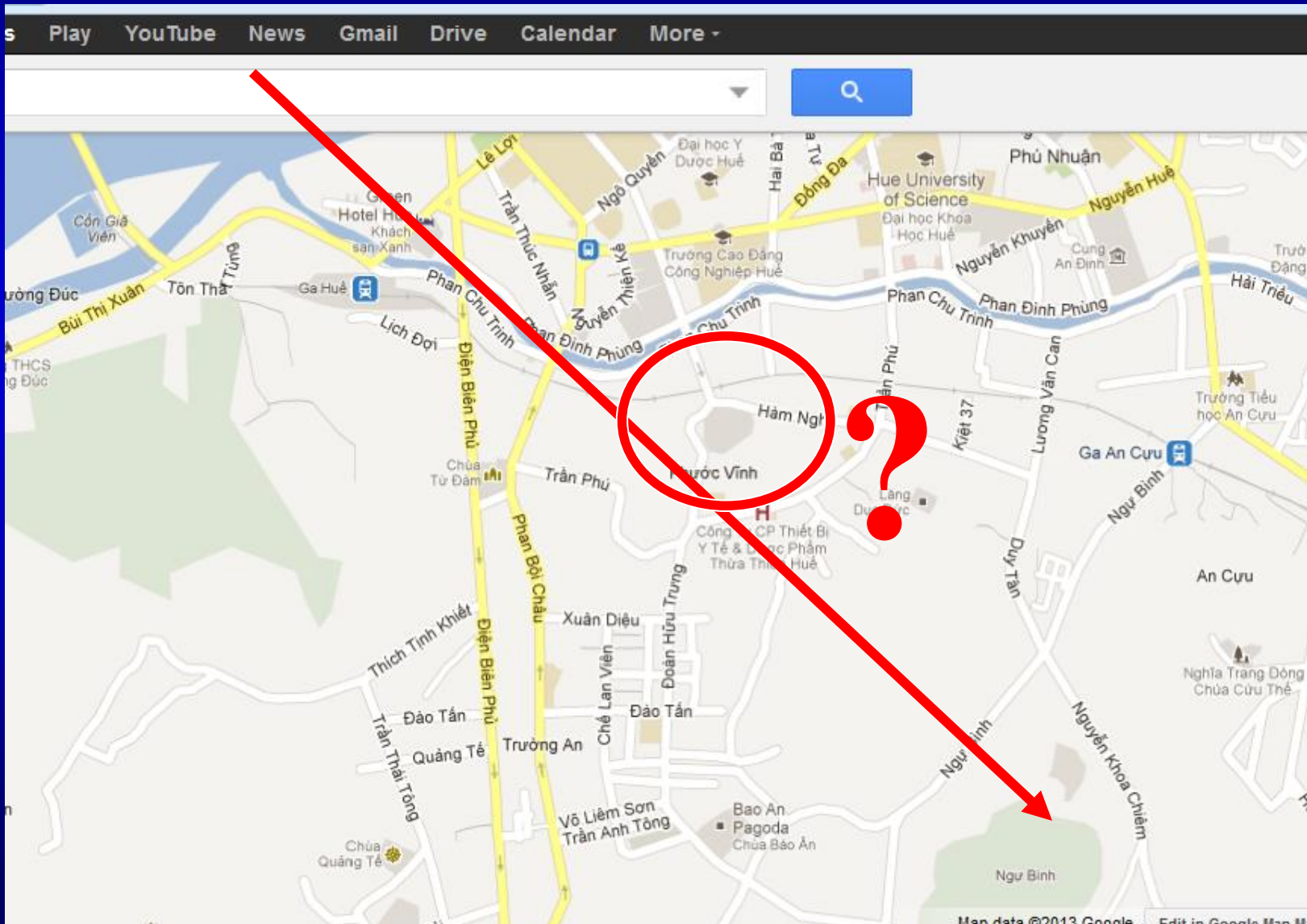
- In this area, you see on the Google map many major buddhist temples such as Thien Lam, Quang Te, Tu Hieu, Bao Quoc etc. These temples played very important role in the history of Buddhism in Vietnam and in the history of Vietnam itself.



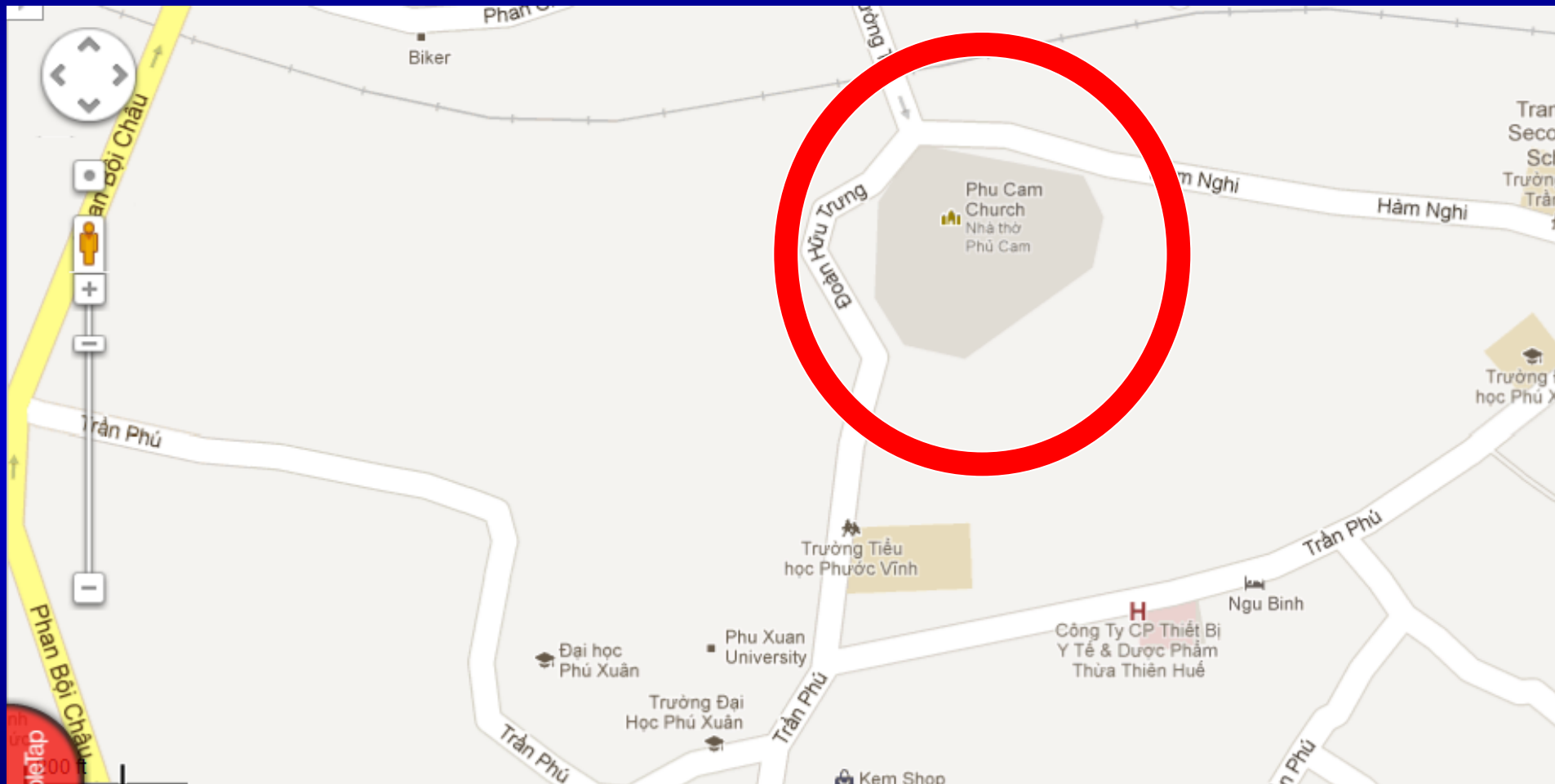
- Another very important Buddhist temple is the Tu Dam pagoda.



What is this institution?

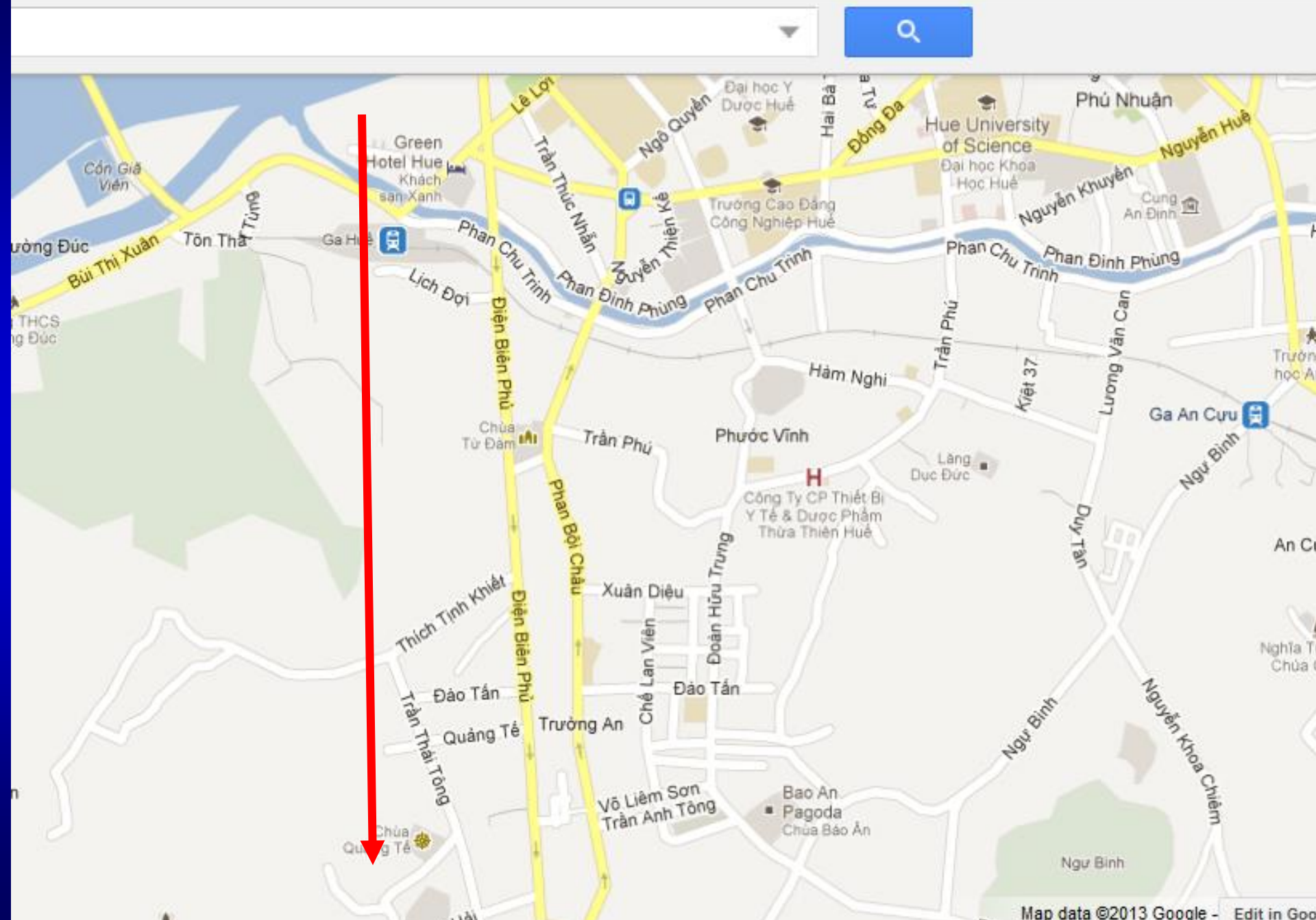


This is the Phu Cam Church



**Where is the Sacred Way of HUE, connecting
Heaven and Earth?**

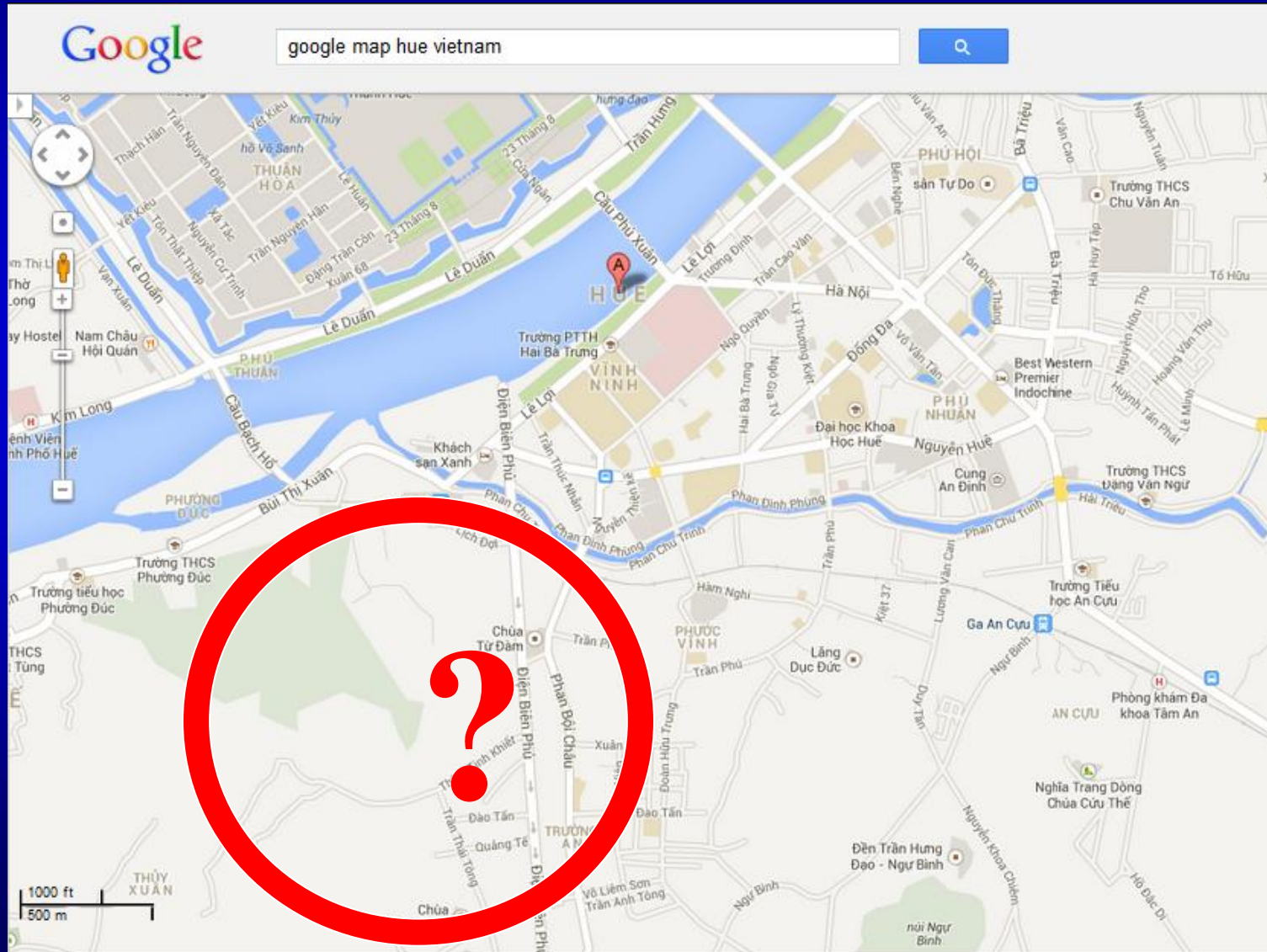
**It is the old Nam Giao street. Now it is called
Dien Bien Phu. It is straight from the Thai Hoa
palace pointing south. So the Nguyen dynasty
did know about the sacred way. Just they
decided to select the south east orientation for
the Hue city**



**What happened in the past 500
years on the land between the
Gia Vien island and the Ngu
Binh mountain ?**

1470 A.D.

In 1470, King Le Thanh Ton came to suppress an uprising of the Cham people. Many were killed



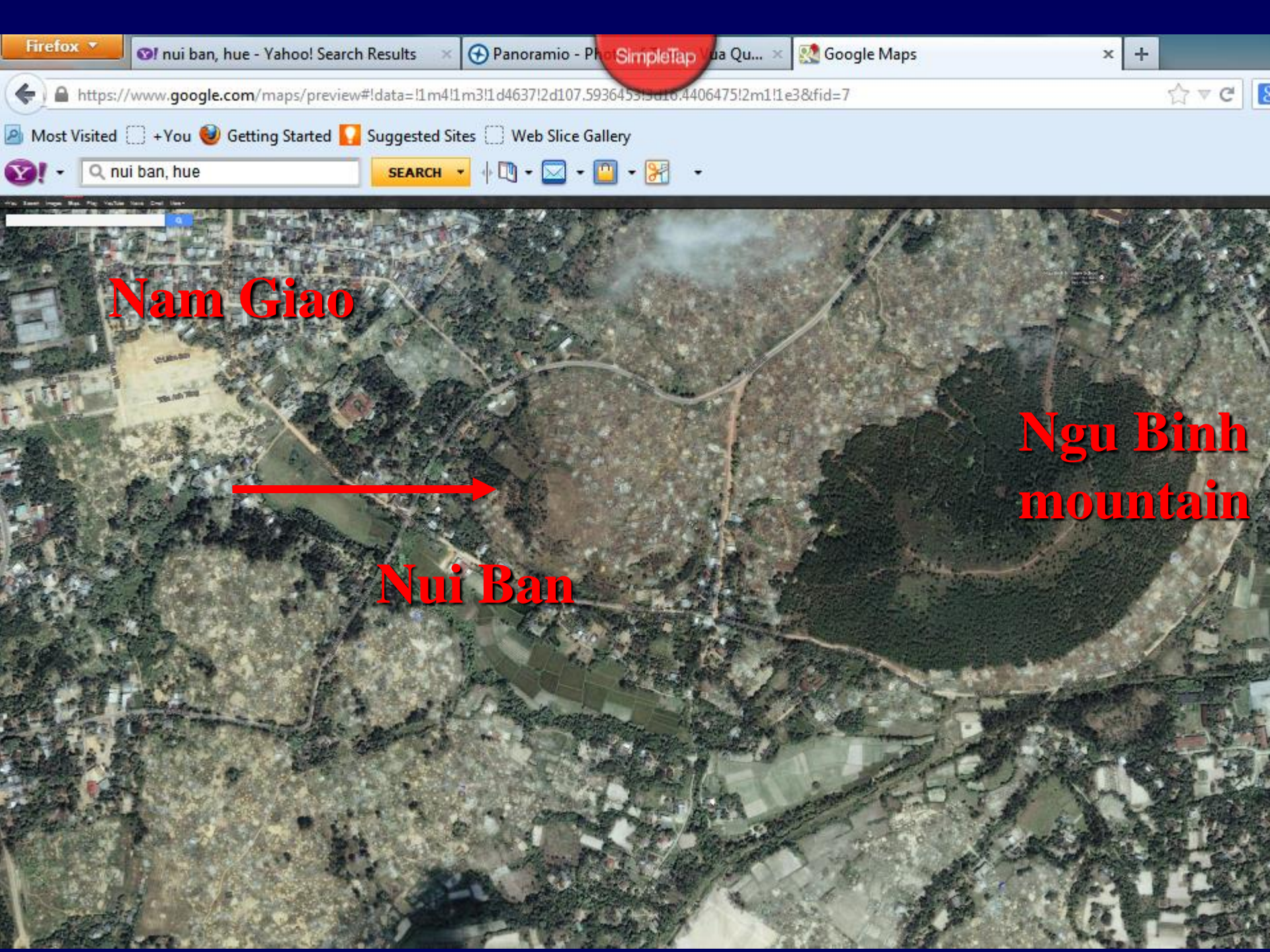
1788 A.D.

Ngày 22/12/1788, Nguyễn Huệ tổ chức Lễ tế trời tại núi Bân, công bố chiếu lên ngôi, lấy niên hiệu là Quang Trung, điểm binh và tiến ra Bắc



Núi Bân





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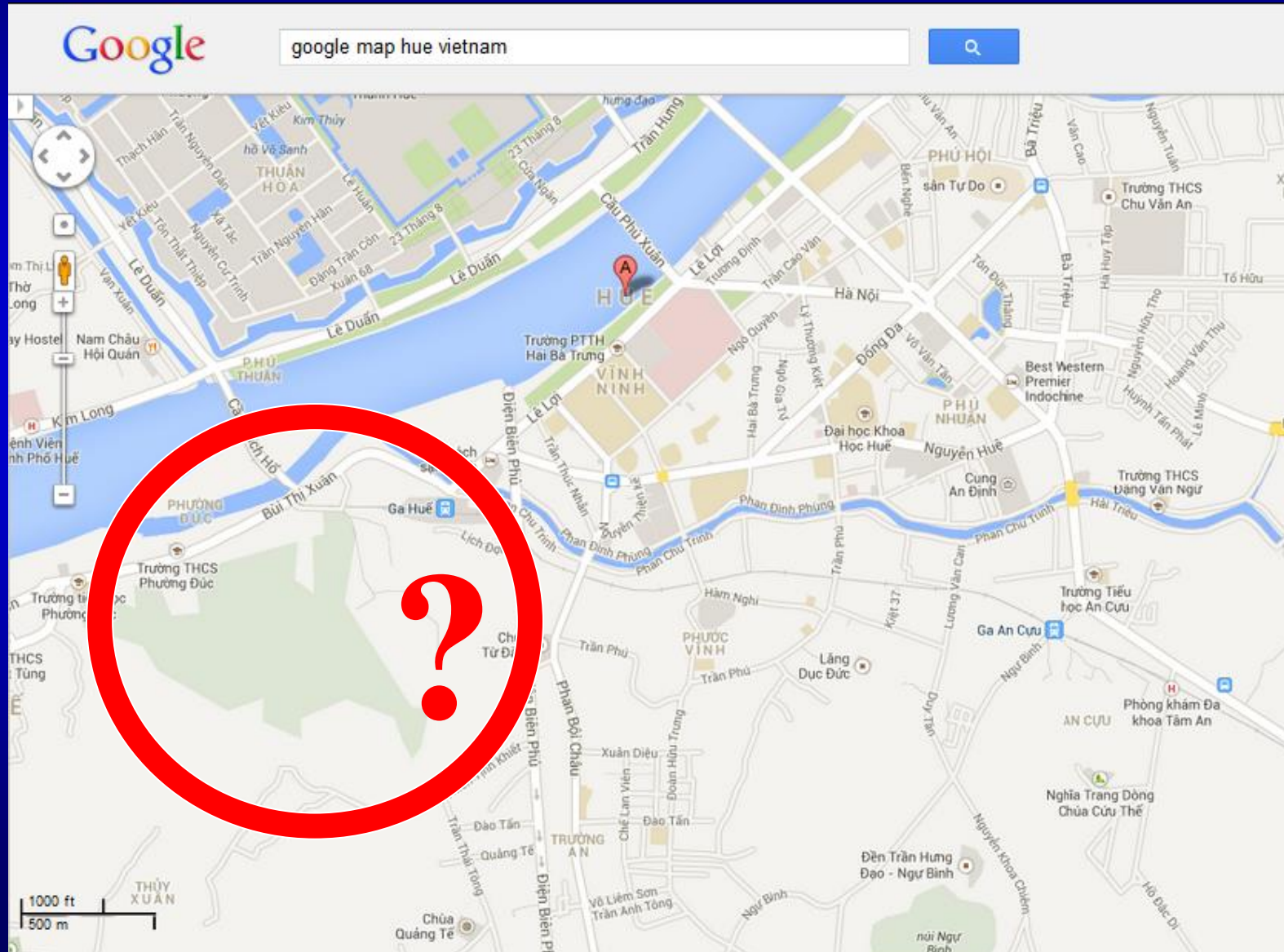


Nui Ban

Ngu Binh
mountain

1866 A.D.

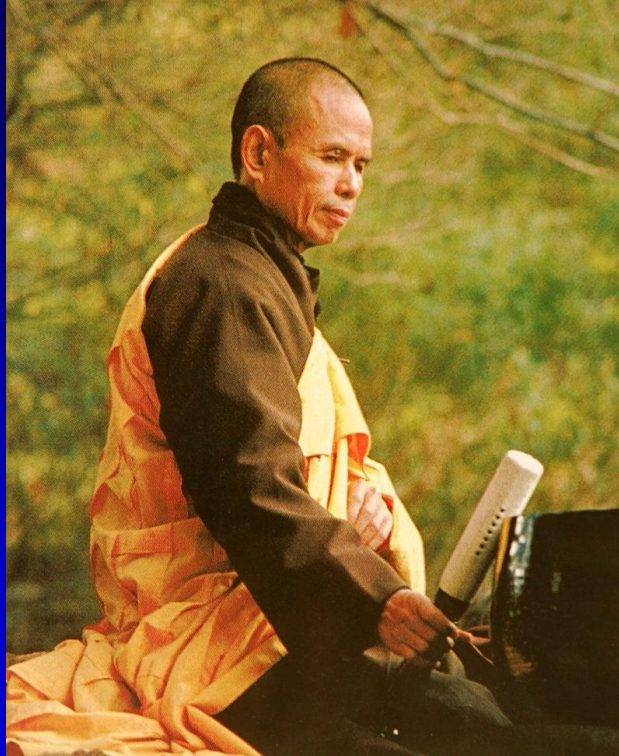
1866 under the reign of Tu Duc, there was a
major rebellion



Giac chay voi by Doan huu Trung



- Now there are many movers and shakers originated from the piece of land between the Gia Vien Island and the Ngu Binh mountain



Tấm hình lịch sử cha Nguyễn Văn Lý bị bịt miệng tại tòa án V



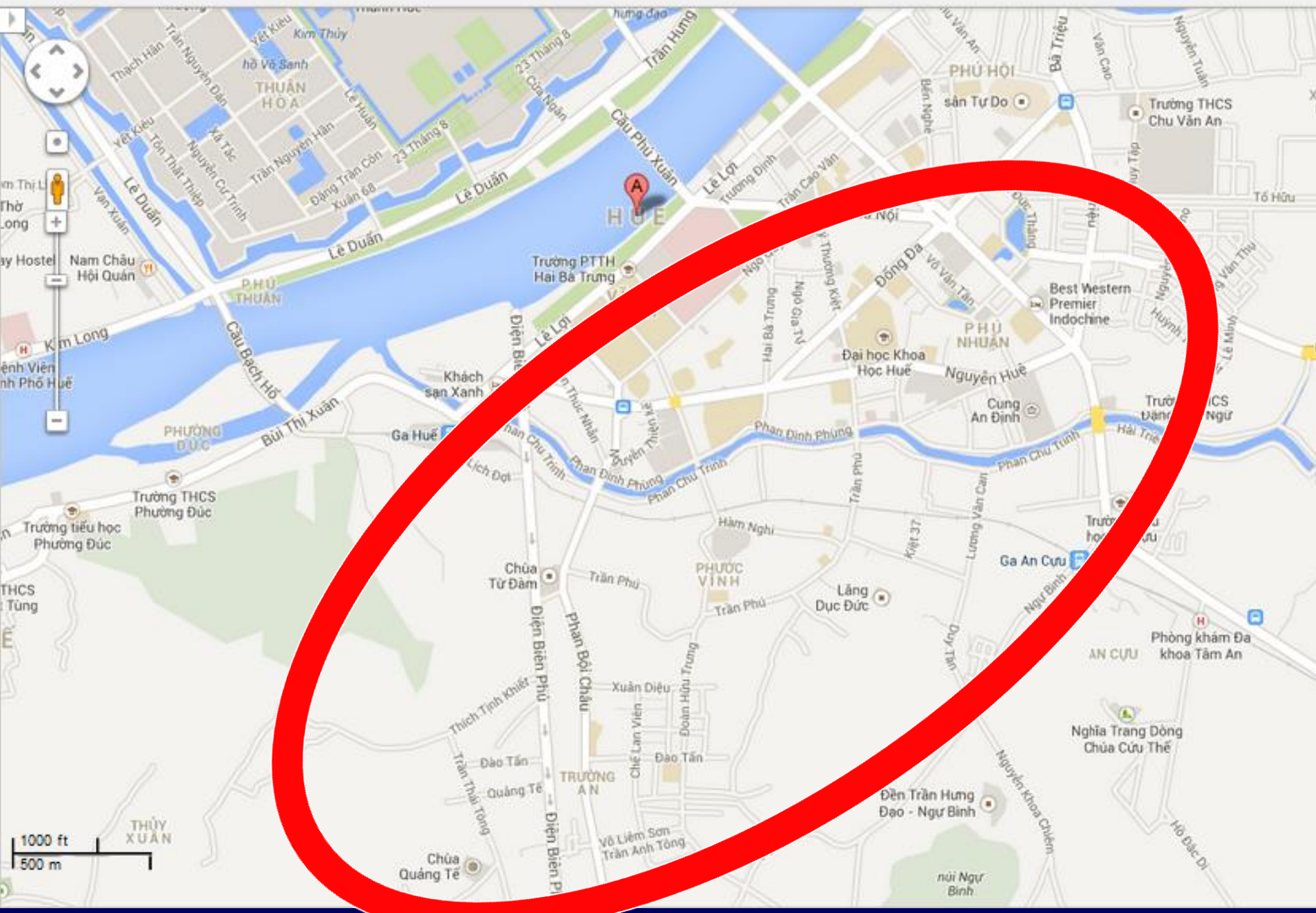
LAST QUESTION:

Where does the new leader of Vietnam come from? The white scholar (Bạch Sĩ) according to Nguyen Binh Khiem

- Dục đức thánh nhân hương
- Quá kiêu cư bắc phương
- Danh vi Nguyễn gia tử
- Kim tịch sinh ngư lang



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- *Thiện căn ở tại lòng ta,
Chữ tâm kia mới bằng ba chữ tài.*

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