

## **The Overseas World in “Tai Pin Yu Lan” and “Ce Fu Yuan Gui”**

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China developed outward development is long-standing, regardless of being in politics, economy or culture, has a close relationship with many nations. However , following the establishment and maintenance with foreign relationship, it's more important that understand various countries' geography knowledge. In this article, it wants to know the understanding situation of various countries' geography knowledge since ancient times, especially the foreign geography knowledge in classic leishu. Leishu have a quality of reference book, it classifies various knowledge for ministers or scholars when they need, so the content of classic leishu could represent the common sense of ministers and scholars generally at that time. In this article, it will take “Tai Pin Yu Lan” and “Ce Fu Yuan Gui” in “the Four books” as range of main study, because these two leishu are official edition in Northern Song Dynasty, they have the most files quantities in “the Four Books”, and they have special introduction for the foreign geography knowledge. So through of these two leishu, it could understand the official cognition for foreign geography knowledge. It has four parts in this article, at first, it will defines the foreign definition clearly in these two leishu; second part, it will describe the countries simply; third part, it will explain the understanding for overseas countries; finally, it will discuss those nations that don't exist.

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