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**Toponymic culture of China's ethnic minority languages**

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**Summary**

Some aspects on the toponymic culture of China's ethnic minority languages are discussed in this article. Information is provided on the number and distribution of China's ethnic minorities. The relation between geographical names and the development and characteristics of the politics, economy, geography and culture of China's ethnic minorities are discussed in detail.

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