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Foreword

Over the past decade, China's economy has kept up a swift and steady pace of growth, and China's market potential is still expanding.

Along with the accelerating trend toward globalization, enterprises from all over the world are flocking to invest in China. It has therefore become imperative for their business strategies that they obtain a better comprehension of China as well as a mutual understanding with their Chinese partners, to ensure the success of their ventures.

This book contains over 200 key words and phrases which are directly related to the politics, economy, society, culture, science and technology, environmental protection and other fields which are part and parcel of modern China. The book is designed to help the reader obtain a more accurate grasp of the reality of China in its latest rapid modernization phase.



政治

Politics

改革开放

Reform and Opening-up

China's reform and opening-up policy was introduced at the Third Plenum of the 11th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in 1978. Over the years, reform has spread from the countryside to the cities, from the economic system to other systems, and opening-up has moved from revitalizing the domestic economy to opening up to the outside world. Reform and opening-up has now become a basic State policy of China.

Reform first commenced in the rural areas in 1979, when the people's communes, integrating government administration with commune management, was replaced by the household contract responsibility system, linking remuneration to output. Farmers regained the right to use land and to arrange their farm work and dispose of farm produce. Reform shifted from the countryside to the cities in 1984, with the decision-making power of enterprises expanding and the economic administrative function of the government transformed. At the same time, reform of the political, cultural, scientific and technological, and educational systems got started. In 1992, after a dozen or so years of experiment, China finally set the socialist market economy as the goal of its reform. In accordance with the plan, a relatively sound socialist market economy will be established by 2010, and by 2020 the socialist market economy will have a comparatively mature structure.

As urban and rural reform progresses, China is implementing the opening-up strategy in planned and step-by-step way. Since 1980, five special economic zones have been set up—in Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Shantou in Guangdong Province, Xiamen in Fujian Province, and Hainan Province, respectively. In 1984, China further opened 14 coastal cities—Dalian, Qinhuangdao,