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前 言 Foreword

人道是"上有天堂,下有苏杭",说的是苏、杭可与天堂相比美。然在我看来,桂林山水之美远胜于前者。那"青罗带"似的江水,那"碧玉簪"般的山峰,谁又能说这不是个胜似天堂的人间天堂呢?在普天之下的芸芸众生中,能在这里生活的人们,真应当为此而感到自豪和骄傲。我虽无缘成为这天堂中的一员,但在中国国际旅行社总社——中国最大和最具实力的旅行社几近30载的旅游生涯中,也曾先后10余次造访了桂林,因此就在我的脑海里留下了不可磨灭的美好印象。

为使这旷世美景闻达全球,早在 20 年前,我就萌动了将其付诸笔端的想法,并在中国旅游出版社的大力支持下,出版了英文城市导游丛书——《桂林》。20 载倏忽而逝,如今的桂林不仅依然美若天仙,而且在其周围更增添了不少名胜古迹,洞府仙境,地下长河……它们正在向客人招手致意,欢迎惠顾。为不辜负这一番殷切之情,在此,我将以《中国名胜导游丛书——桂林导游》为题,并以中英双语的形式,对这里的旅游名胜作简明而扼要、生动且富有情趣的阐释,相信该书对于前往桂林旅游的中、外旅游者,将是一本不失为集知识与趣味于一体,且可读性较强的书刊,同时,对于从事旅游工作的同仁和一线的导游人员,也可起到参阅或借鉴的作用。

在《中国名胜导游丛书——桂林导游》一书即将问世之际, 我欲就此说明:在本书的编著过程中,参阅了中国国际旅行社总 社及桂林有关人员编写的中文参考资料,并加上了英文译文。在 此,我愿向那些在中文旅游资料编写中付出巨大努力和辛劳的赵 2



峰、邱海晏、夏玲、梁新和陈巧英以及桂林的刘寿保、莫洲保同志致以最诚挚和衷心的谢意。

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It is said that "up above in heaven there's paradise and down on earth there are Suzhou and Hangzhou." This denotes to that Suzhou and Hangzhou are as beautiful as the paradise in the heaven. But to me, I'm of the opinion that the landscape in Guilin is even more beautiful than the former. The river water is limpid as a blue silk ribbon while the pinnacle hills are none other than the jasper hairpins. Who would say that a beautiful landscape as such couldn't be a match for the paradise in the heaven? Among myriads of worldly beings those who live on this piece of land should feel greatly glorified and proud of it. Though I'm not lucky enough to be one of those to live here in the wonderland yet I have got ample opportunities to visit it for I have been working in China International Travel Service Head Office—the largest and the most powerful travel agency in China for almost 30 years and so it has left on me an indelible impression.

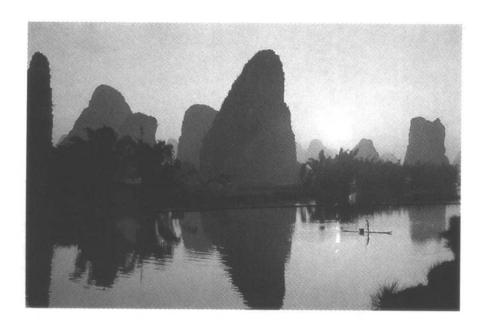
To make this worldly beauty known to all over the world. I have nursed an idea as early as some 20 years ago of putting it down in writing, and eventually with the great support of China Travel & Tourism Press a booklet entitled "Guilin" was brought out in the form of China city guide series. Though 20 years have swiftly gone by Guilin remains charming as a celestial beauty as ever before yet added to it with many such attractions as historical and cultural sites, fairy caves and long rias in the vicinity areas. . . With bosom wide open they are now welcoming you to go for a visit. In order not to let down their hospitable sincerity I now take up my pen again to put them down in a succinct, vivid and lively style, which is entitled "Serial Guidebook to Tourist Attractions in China" (Guilin & other areas) in dual version of Chinese and English. And I believe that this book will be the one that integrates plenty of knowledge and things interesting into one whole, and a book that is quite readable for visitors at home and abroad coming to Guilin for visit. Meanwhile, this book will do some good to those colleagues of mine now engaged in tourism or serve as reference to interpreters and tour-guides working in the forefront of China's tourism industry.

At the time when the volume "Epitome of Guides to Tourist Attractions in China" (Guilin and other areas) is about to see the light I would like to make it clear that part of the source material for this book

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were referred to the travel reference formerly compiled in Chinese by the CITS Head Office and person of Guilin, which I pieced together and put into English. So I'd like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to those colleagues Zhao Feng, Qiu Haiyan, Xia Ling, Liang Xin and Chen Qiaoying and Liu Shoubao, Mo Zhoubao of Guilin who have made great efforts in the compilation of the reference material in Chinese.

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