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• Lu Hsun Memorial Garden

• Former Campus of
Whampoa Military Academy

• Liurong Flower
Pagoda

• Guangdong Olympic
Sports Center in Guangzhou





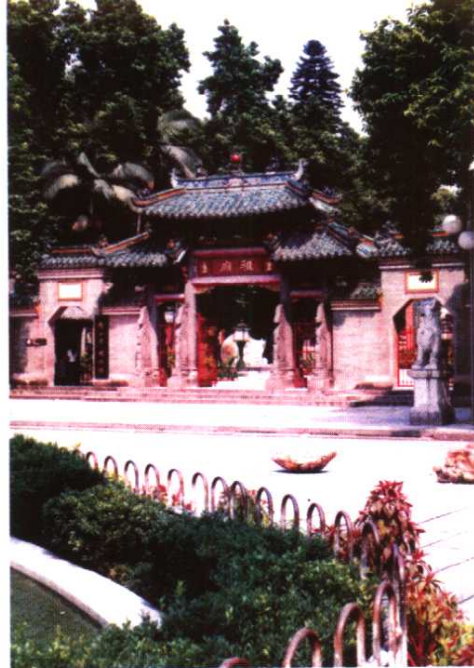
• Qingping TCM Market

• The Ancestral Temple of Chen's Family

• Remnants of the Palace & Royal Garden of the Nanyue Kingdom in the Western Han Dynasty

• Along the Pearl River in Guangzhou





• Minsk World in Shenzhen

• Foshan Ancestral Temple

• Zhanjiang Dragon Dance

• Qixingyan Crag & Xinghu Lake in Zhaoqing





- Former Residence of Huang Feihong in Nanhai
- Marker of the Tropic of Cancer in Conghua

- Cuiheng Village—Former Residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

- Wanlü Lake in Heyuan





• Guanyin Statue
on Mt. Lianhua
(Lotus Mountain)
in Panyu

• Sujiawei Hakka Village

• Baojinggong Palace
in Yingde

• Mt. Danxia in Shaoguan





• Mt. Baiyun—
A National Scenic
Spot in Guangzhou

• The Kapok—
the Municipal
Flower of Guangzhou

• R&D Center on
Huanshi Lu in
Guangzhou

• Huanghuagang at Night





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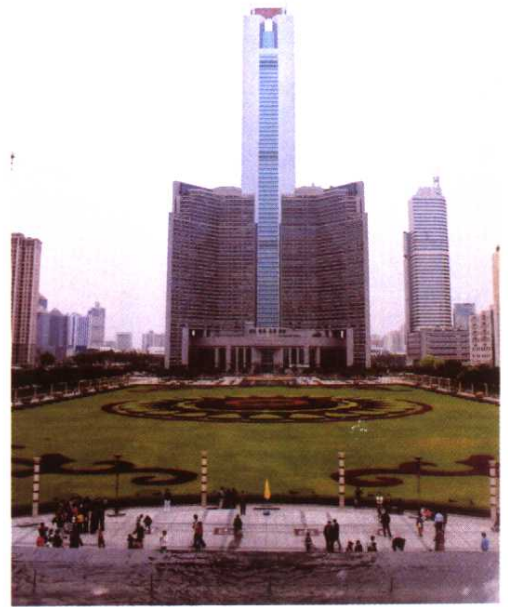
• Guangzhou Sacred Heart Cathedral

• Guangxiao Temple

• Keyuan Garden in Dongguan

• Humen Bridge in Dongguan





• Guangzhou Xinghai
Concert Hall

• China Import & Export
Commodities Fair

• Zhongxin Tower
in Guangzhou

• Kaiping Castle





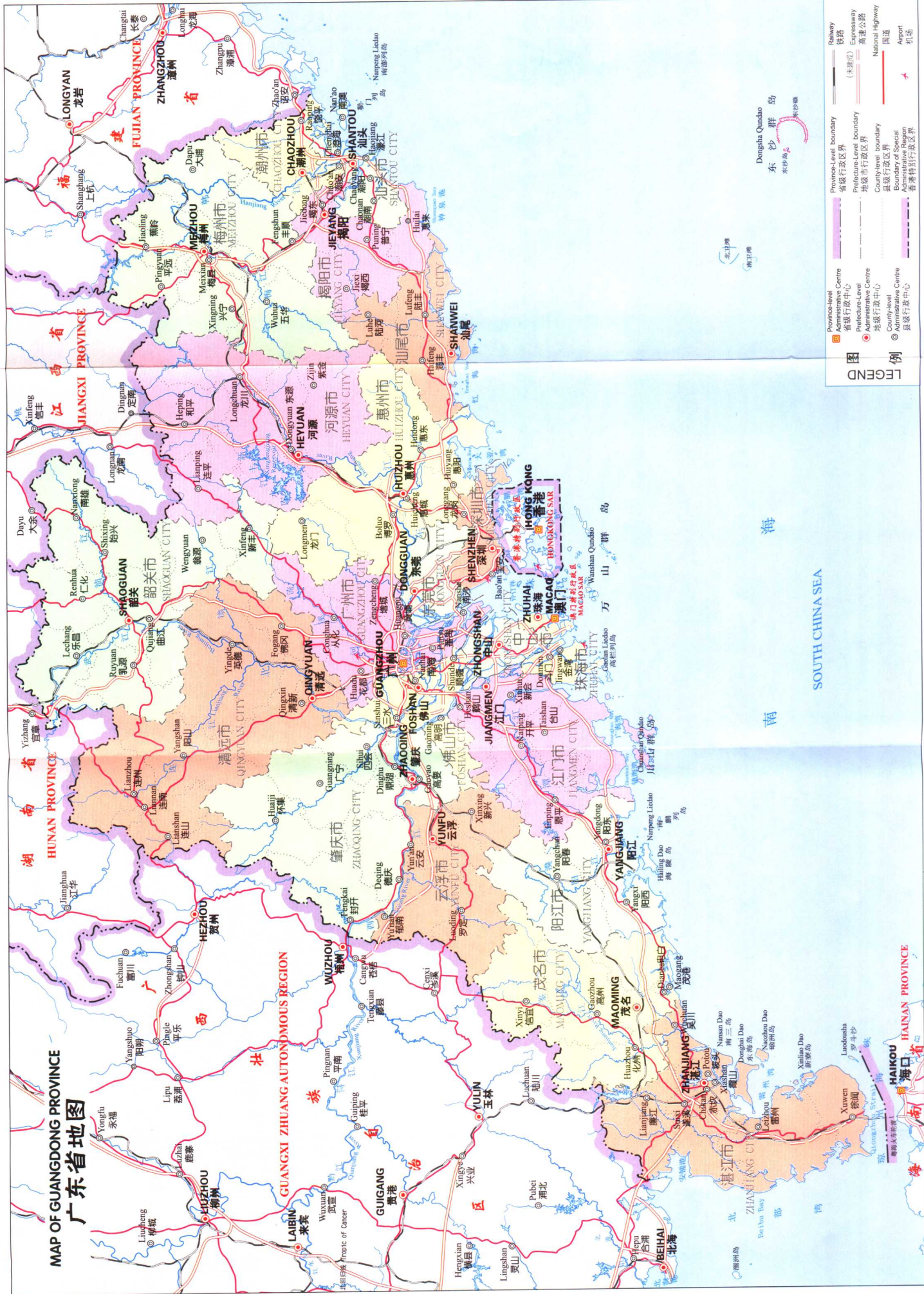
• Spring Festival
Flower Fair
in Guangzhou

• Mid—Autumn
Mooncakes

• Guangzhou Food
Festival

• Popular Fruits
in Lingnan Region

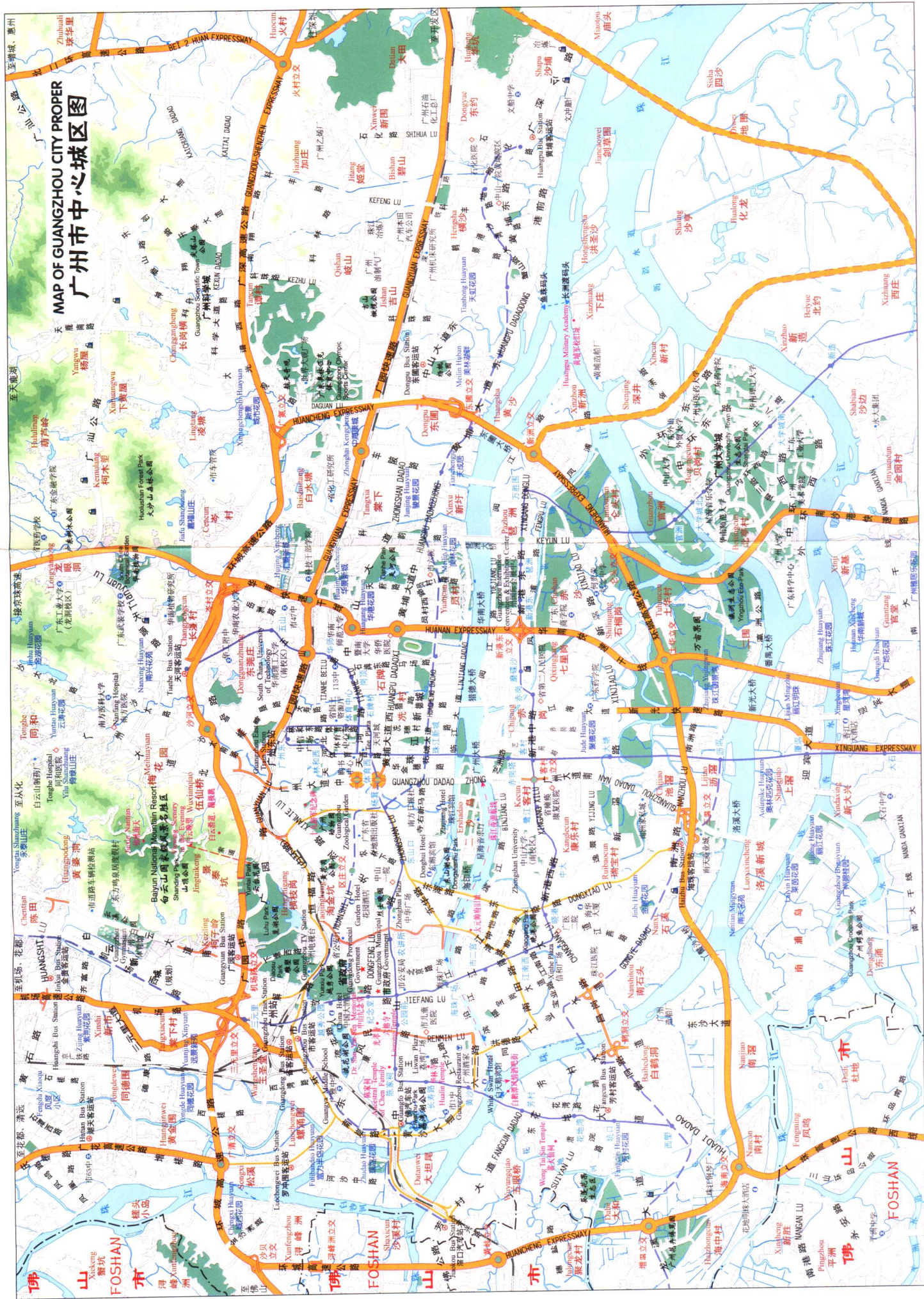
MAP OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE
广东省地图



图例
LEGEND

Province-level Centre 省级行政中心	Province-level boundary 省界	Railway 铁路
Administrative Centre 行政中心	County-level boundary 县界	Expressway (未建) 高速公路
County-level Centre 县级行政中心	City-level boundary 地级市界	National Highway 国道
County-level Centre 县级行政中心	City-level boundary 地级市界	Airport 机场
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MAP OF GUANGZHOU CITY PROPER
广州市中心城区图



Foreword

In the first decade of the new millennium and after China's painstaking entry into the WTO, Guangdong is going through a period of great changes socially, culturally, psychologically as well as economically. It is just at the threshold of industrialization, busy with economic restructuring and industry upgrading, such as speeding up the restructuring of traditional industries, promotion of hi-tech renovation, accumulating new experiences on the way to socialism with Chinese characteristics, maintaining sustainable development, e-life, e-government and economic globalization. Joined by Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao SARs, and eight other inland provinces, a super PPRD (The Pan-Pearl River Delta) regional economic cooperation is in shape, which will surely push forward the development of Guangdong and its neighboring provinces strongly. Guangdong, as a gateway to South China, has become a huge productive base as well as an export powerhouse in China. With those advantages, Guangdong will lead the way to a well-off society in China and to gear into the international society heart and soul.

Comparing with the past social changes and development similar elsewhere in history, Guangdong's economic achievements are a miracle. According to *Fortune*, an American financial magazine, it took Great Britain most of the 19th century to multiply per capita income 2.5 times, America's income increased 3.5 times in 60 years from 1830 to 1890, Japan's 6 times from 1950 to 1975. China is the fastest of all. Since emerging from 1950 to 1975, China's incomes have risen sevenfold and Guangdong takes the lead in China, increasing by about 100 times since 1978, two years later after Mao passed away. Guangdong has had an average annual increase of about 13% from 1978 to 2005, rising from 18.6 billion (1978) to 96.6223 billion (2000), then to over 1 000 billion (2001), reaching 1 886.62 billion yuan in 2004 and over 2 170.1 billion in 2005. Guangdong's economic recourses have taken up 11% of the national total economic property. But do we fully understand the dramatic changes happening around us? Is it worth thinking and probing into it? How do we face the coming future with the task of returning to the international

society? And what is coming next?

China puts forth the theory of three represents, hoping to turn China into a highly advanced society materially as well as spiritually. A civilized society is made up of a well-educated population with not only advanced productivity, but also an advanced culture. What role will Guangdong play in this new trend? As we can see, Lingnan culture has been the vanguard of the modern Chinese culture in the past two centuries, well known for its openness, compatibility and innovation. It has been greatly enriched and pushed forward, evolving rapidly along with the pace of the international society. But the question is: Can it grow into the mainstream of the modern Chinese culture in the coming decades, when Guangdong's economic development reaches its climax?

While China is making painstaking efforts to join in the international society, overseas businessmen are rushing into China in order to get a bigger share of China's huge market. If one wants to do business here, it is better for him or her to know more about Guangdong Province, for it is the southern gateway to China, one of the largest economic bodies as well as one of the largest consuming markets in China. China's ancient history, its exotic mysteries, the eye-catching cultural differences and booming business hold an allure that keeps overseas friends, businessmen and their enterprises settling down in China. They all want to know more about China, especially South China.

At this fast changing moment of history, *Aspects of Guangdong Province* offers in an intercultural perspective a general view of Guangdong Province to international readers in English. This book concentrates mainly on the Pearl River Delta with strong South China charisma, for it is not only the richest land in South China, but also the powerhouse of Guangdong's economic reform of the past twenty-five years. The delta has created an amazing example for the developing regions in the world to keep up with the international pace of development. Letting the world know better of Guangdong is the purpose of the book with up-to-date information. For the convenience of readers, this introduction organizes Guangdong's aspects according to its present administrative divisions, each with its own regional features, but focusing on the present changes with updated statistics as late as possible. It is hoped that this very book will enable one to get a quick