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● Mt. Baiyunshan—A National Scenic Spot in Guangzhou



● The Kapok—the Municipal Flower of Guangzhou

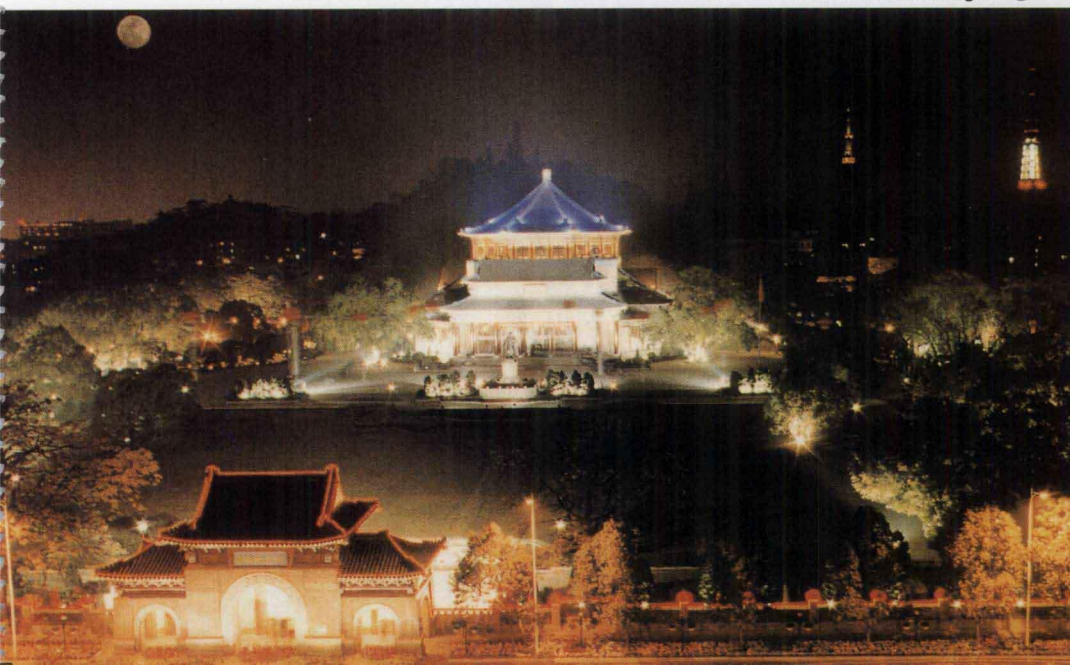


● The Statue of Five Rams —A Symbol of Guangzhou

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Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall at Night ●





● Guangzhou Xinghai Concert Hall



● Zhongxin Tower in Guangzhou



● China Export Commodities Fair

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● Guangzhou—A Metropolis of Mountains & Waters





● Qingping Market

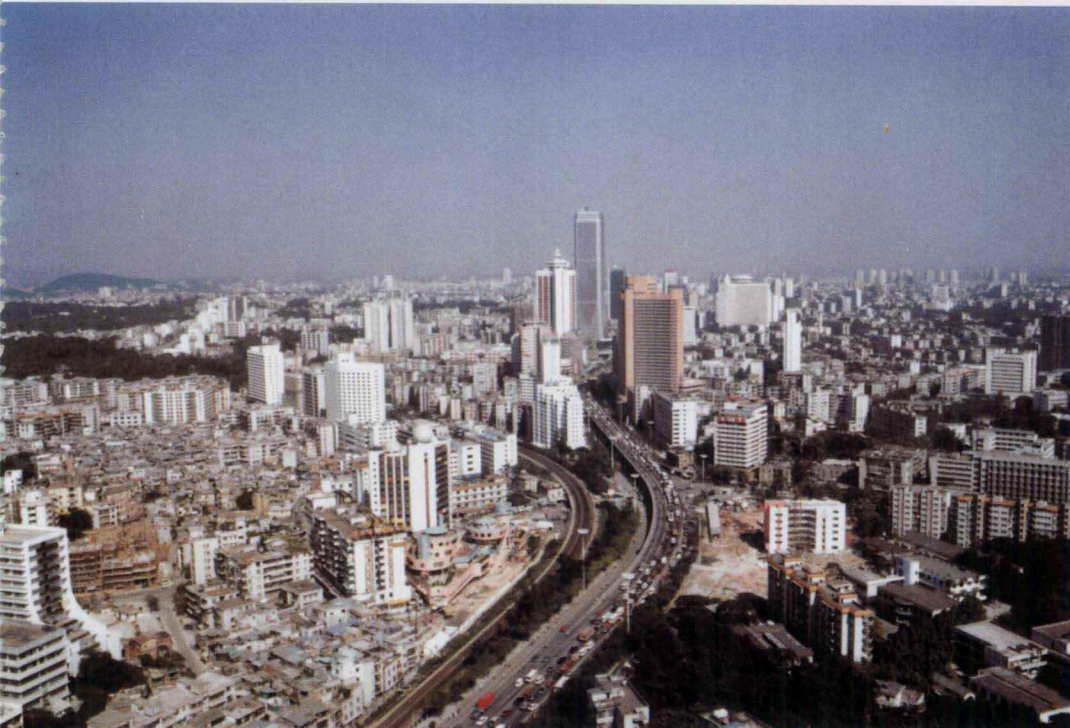


● The Ancestral Temple of Chen's Family

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



● A Distant View of Huanshi Donglu in Guangzhou





● Luxun Memorial Garden



● Liurong Flower Pagoda



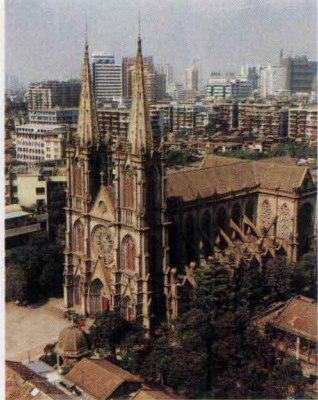
● Former Campus of Whampoa Military Academy

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● Guangdong Olympic Sports Center in Guangzhou





● Guangzhou Sacred Heart Cathedral



● Guangxiao Temple

● Keyuan Garden in Dongguan

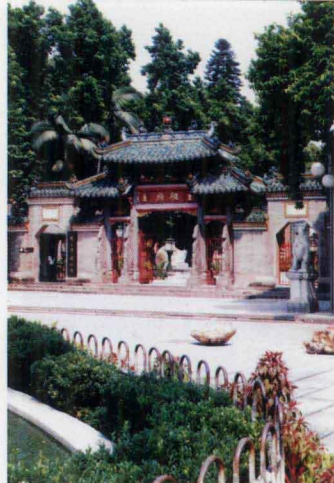


● Humen Bridge in Dongguan





● Minsk World in Shenzhen



● Foshan Ancestral Temple



● New Yuan Ming Yuan Palace in Zhuhai

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● Qixingyan Crag & Xinghu Lake in Zhaoqing





● Guanyin Statue on Mt. Lianhuashan
(Lotus Mountain) in Panyu



● Nansha Tianhou (Heaven—Queen) Palace



● Baojinggong Palace in Yingde

● Mt. Danxiashan in Shaoguan





● Yamen Cannon Terraces in Xinhui



● Shadi Fish Wharf in Taishan

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● Qinghui Garden in Shunde



● Former Residence of Huang Feihong in Nanhai



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





● Spring Festival Flower Fair
in Guangzhou

● Mid—Autumn Mooncakes



● Guangzhou Food Festival

● Popular Fruits in Lingnan Region



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. Guangdong 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, on-line government and economic globalization. Joined by Guangdong Province, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR and Taiwan Province, a super South China Economic Zone is in shape. 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 has planned to realize the four modernizations ahead of schedule by the year 2005 and will lead the way to globalization in China.

Comparing with the past social changes and development similar elsewhere in history, Guangdong's economic achievements are a miracle. Guangzhou's per capita disposal income reached 13 967 yuan in 2000, the highest among the major cities in China. 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 60 times since 1978. Guangdong has had an average annual increase of 13.6% from 1978 to 2001, rising from 18.6 billion (1978) to 966.223 billion (2000), then to over 1 000 billion (2001). Guangdong's economic recourses have taken 10% 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?

President *Jiang Zemin* puts forth the theory of three represents on behalf of CPC, 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

dynamic. 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 the huge Chinese market. If one wants to do business here, it is better for him or her to know more about Guangdong Province, for Guangdong 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 vast differences in cultures 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 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 concentrating 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 glimpse of Guangdong, while enabling Guangdong as well to encounter the world more fully by letting more people, especially from the other parts of the world, learn more about this fertile land of the Chinese dream of the four modernizations. Let's probe together into the future. Guangdong is full of hope in the new millennium and so is China.

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