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Preface

In May 2008, the Saw Centre for Financial Studies, NUS Business School, and the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore jointly organized the International Conference on China’s Regional Economic Development: Cooperation, Challenges and Opportunities. The fourteen chapters included in this book consist of a selection of thirteen papers presented in the conference and subsequently revised for publication. Chapter 1 was specifically written by the volume editors to present the salient features of the subject covered in the book.

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AFTA  ASEAN Free Trade Area
APEC  Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
BVI  British Virgin Islands
CEPA  Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement
CEPT  Common Effective Preferential Tariff
CSSD  China-Singapore SIP Development Corporation
CSSIP  China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park
EAI  East Asian Institute
EDB  Economic Development Board
EPZs  export processing zones
ETDZ  Economic Technological Development Zone
FTA  Free Trade Agreement
IMT-GT  Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle
ISI  Integrated Outsourcing Initiative
JSC  Joint Steering Council
JWC  Joint Working Committee
PRD  Pearl River Delta
SARs  Special Administrative Regions
SEZs  Special Economic Zones
SIP  Suzhou Industrial Park
SND  Suzhou New District
TBNA  Tianjin Binhai New Area
YRD  Yangtze River Delta