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Preface

The economies of China and India, the world's two most populous nations, have attracted a lot of attention in recent years. Even a new term, "Chindia", was created to refer to the two countries together in general. There are many comparative studies of the two Asian giants. This volume focuses exclusively on economic growth and several critical issues associated with growth in the two economies. It combines quantitative examination with qualitative analysis. It not only provides valuable insights into those growth-related issues, but also raises many questions which are to be explored in the future. The volume should be of interest to postgraduate students, researchers and business analysts. In particular, the materials in the appendices to some chapters are important resources for other researchers who are interested in the economies of China and India.

My work on this book spans several years. It began with my visit to the East Asian Institute (EAI), at the National University of Singapore (NUS), during my sabbatical leave in 2005; subsequently, I visited EAI several times. I benefited a lot from the library resources at EAI and participation in many seminars and conferences there. Work on some chapters also benefited from the financial support of a University of Western Australia (UWA) Research Grant as well as an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project Grant (DP1092913). I would also like to thank seminar participants at EAI (NUS), the economics group (UWA), School of Management (University of Bradford), and China

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