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Preface

The essays of this book deal with important topics related to the Chinese economy. They are up-to-date and original. Most of them were published in Chinese in major newspapers in the last two years. A Chinese edition of this book 中国经济随笔 has been published by CITIC Press. Although written for the general reader, the essays are not casual comments but based on academic research and may benefit graduate and undergraduate students and professional economists. They result from more than 30 years of intensive study of and research on the Chinese economy and more than 40 years of experience in advising top government officials of Taiwan and the People's Republic of China on economic policy, economic reform and economics education.

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