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Dear Reader,

Let me first express my appreciation for your support to our first edition of Focus on South China published in June 1998. That edition was dedicated to providing Canadians with a concise introduction to the four southern provinces of Guangdong, Guangxi, Fujian and Hainan. The first edition was met with such an enthusiastic welcome not only in Canada, but also in South China, that a second reprint was necessary to meet the unexpectedly high demand.

With this edition, Focus on South China II, we are fine-tuning our focus to introduce you to the five key cities in the Pearl River Delta of Guangzhou, Dongguan, Jiangmen, Foshan, Zhongshan and also the five Special Economic Zones of Xiamen, Shantou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Hainan. Each of these ten areas has its own characteristics. Together, they make South China the hottest spot in Asia.

I trust you will find this edition as useful as the previous Focus on South China.

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