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This book in large part has developed out of a number of papers which the author has written while working at the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE). Over eight years separates his earliest paper from the most recently published one. The author did not think it was necessary to change his original viewpoints and basic conclusions. However, he had to revise many parts of the papers to deal with the new changes in China's economic policies and to update the data. As a result, the analysis of this book carries through into the latest stage of China's economic reform and open-door policy commencing in the spring of 1992. Readers will easily understand the author's basic points of view if they read the Introduction and Conclusion which were written at the time of publication.

It was at the beginning of the 1970s that the author took up the study of the contemporary Chinese economy. Prior to that his studies had been directed at the theoretical analysis of capitalist economies under Professors Akira Futami, Akira Watanabe, and Hisashi Asano at the Faculty of Economics, Wakayama University. China at that time was following a different road from Western modernization, and the author saw it as a very worthy topic for study. For his master's and doctorate of sociology at Hitotsubashi University, he studied Chinese society and history under the guidance of Professor Tatsuo Masubuchi and Professor Gaku Nakagawa. At the same time he undertook the study of the Chinese economy as a student in seminars jointly held by Professor Kazuo Nonomura and Professor Noboru Miyanabe, wherein he approached his study through a comparison of economic systems.

At that time China still displayed many of the aftereffects of the Cultural Revolution, and even the economic realities were decorated with political and

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