

## PREFACE

The population of China was 1,133.68 million in 1990, containing over one-fifth of the world's total population. In the 1960s, the annual average increase rates of population in China was as high as over 2.5 per cent. It started to decline sharply in the 1970s and has reached the same level of the developed country, as low as 1.4 per cent in the 1980s. Such a remarkable dynamic change was possible due to both socio-economic changes and the implementation of strong population control policy.

The present volume is the achievements that the IDE organized and formed a research committee on "Factor Analysis of China's Population Change" as Yasuko Hayase, Senior Researcher, Statistical Research Department in charge since 1989. This is the second book and the first one was published in 1990 entitled *Population Statistics of China* which contains static population statistics. The provisions on population policies and vital statistics by province has been compiled on time sequence in the present volume, taking the international comparability into account and it will be helpful for users to understand China's population trends. Besides, present volume contains brief articles and statistical maps with demographic and socio-economic indices by provinces, which may help the readers with reference materials to understand China.

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