

PREFACE

The population of China reached 1.1 billion in 1989. Its huge size and the population control policy, which Chinese Government has vigorously promoted since the end of 70s, has aroused wide-spread attention recently. The Chinese population data were unknown to the outside world for many years. After the China's population census of 1982, the field of demography has been enriched at greater speed and not only the total population of the country but also classified data by province have been released.

The present book is the achievements that the IDE organized and formed a Research Committee on <Factor Analysis of China's Population Change> as Yasuko Hayase of the Statistical Research Department in charge, in the first year of Heisei era (1989). Static population statistics by province has been compiled on time sequence in the present book, taking the international comparability into account and it will be helpful for users to understand China's population trends.

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