

Postscript

This book, *Special Economic Zones and China's Development Path* is the Major Program (10AJL001) undertaken by me under the National Social Science Fund. Most of the research fellows involved in the program participated in writing the book *China's Economic Zones: Design, Implementation, and Impact*. The book *China's Economic Zones: Design, Implementation, and Impact* is also published by the Social Sciences Academic Press (China); it was listed by the Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State General Administration of Press and Publication (currently the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television) as one of the 35 recommended books for the 30th anniversary of China's reform and opening up; it was designated as the Chinese Academic Translation Program (11WJL001) under the National Social Science Fund in 2011 and was published in English and globally distributed by the British Path International; it was awarded the first prize of excellent achievements in philosophy and social science by Guangdong Province in 2011.

It took four and a half years to complete this book. Its overall framework was revised several times; adjustments, additions and deletions involving particular research fellows were conducted in response to the changes in its overall framework. The achievement, currently available to you, is defective to some extent and should be further improved and substantiated, but it is the result of our hard work, great efforts and devotion. As scholars, the pursuit of academic excellence is our responsibility and interest. As scholars living in the special economic zones, our research on the special economic zones and China's Development Path is not only a complex, but also an unshirkable, mission. With the promotion of an interest, and the excitation of a sense of responsibility and mission, the members in the Team of China's Development Path have worked in a united, cooperative and harmonious way, and have made progress side by side, have shared wisdom, grown and reaped together amidst explorations and thinking.

In fact, an academic team is a community of thoughts. Debates make it vibrant, brainstorming more rational, explorations more cohesive. First of all, I thank Professor Lu Zhiguo, doctoral supervisor and Deputy Director of the College of Economics of Shenzhen University; he is my old partner—the book *China's Economic Zones: Design, Implementation, and Impact* is the result of our friendly cooperation. Professor Lu Zhiguo is a learned scholar in Western economic theory and one of few well-known teachers granted the classroom teaching award in Shenzhen University. He is responsible for finalizing the entire manuscript and conducting routine coordination relating to this research subject. He has made tremendous efforts and unique contributions to this book, *Special Economic Zones and China's Development Path*. He also wrote the first and second sections of the first chapter.

The third section of the first chapter was completed by Dr. Mao Liang. He is a young talent who graduated from Peking University and works in a down-to-earth manner. The second and third chapters were completed by associate professor Luo Haiping; he received a doctorate degree from the China Center for Special Economic Zone Research, Shenzhen University—the Humanities & Social Science Research Base under the Ministry of Education, and then joined Nanchang University as a new talent; he dedicated himself to researching the issues concerning the special economic zones as a doctoral candidate; after graduation, he published a number of academic papers on the special economic zones and China's Development Path; he is a diligent scholar with an active intellect, a great passion for and creativity in academic research. The fourth chapter was completed by Professor Zhang Kai, doctoral supervisor and Director of the International Business School of Shenzhen University; he is an academically excellent scholar; as an outstanding young scholar at Shenzhen University. He is one of the first group of overseas returnees under the Peacock Program of Shenzhen University for attracting overseas high-level talents and also one of the first group of winners under the Outstanding Young Teacher Cultivation Program of Shenzhen University for encouraging the development and growth of young scholars. The fifth chapter was jointly completed by associate professor Wu Fenglan and Dr. Gao Chuanlun. Associate professor Wu Fenglan is my first doctoral students; she participated in writing the book *China's Economic Zones: Design, Implementation, and Impact*; in the eight years after her Ph.D graduation, she has steadily grown in the academic field; she is steadfast and meticulous in her academic pursuit, which is her praiseworthy character as a scholar. Gao Chuanlun is a doctoral candidate currently under my supervision; he is smart and insatiable of learning, well-read, and has an active intellect; I believe his participation in writing this book, *Special Economic Zones and China's Development Path*, will certainly be valuable for him to receive the training concerning the method of historical research and to develop a spirit of down-to-earth scholarly research. The sixth chapter was completed by Professor Li Meng; he obtained a doctoral degree from Nagoya University; being honest, he has a profound knowledge in econometrics, works earnestly, rigorously conducts

scholarly research; he is one of the few people awarded the honor and funding under the Liyuan Scholar Program of Shenzhen University for supporting and encouraging top-notch talents. The seventh chapter was completed by Mr. Wu Junzhong; Professor Wu Junzhong is former Director of the Department of Social Sciences of Shenzhen University and also a famous scholar of great attainments in cultural research; he participated in a feasibility study, discussion and research about the culture-based development of Shenzhen and the culture development and prosperity of the special economic zone; he is an old scholar who has witnessed Shenzhen's growth and development; he is a real and influential senior cultural figure. Professor Wu Junzhong originally retired and spent time writing books and propounding ideas. However, when we requested Mr. Wu Junzhong to help complete the research and writing involving cultural contributions from the special economic zones to China's modernization, he delightfully agreed to our request. Professor Wu is a resourceful senior scholar with rigorous scholarship and a respectable easy-going man. His strong sense of responsibility and mission, his academic devotion and scholarly meticulousness deeply move us. We hereby extend our heartfelt thanks and respects to Professor Wu Junzhong.

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I hope that our research achievement can benefit those who are interested in it, and our thoughts can inspire the research fellows engaged in relevant issues, and our views can be responded to with rational criticism and an exchange of ideas. Both sharing and tempering in sharing is enjoyable and rewarding.

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