

Preface

This volume has originated from the realization that in the existing literature there is no work yet that explores cross-Taiwan Straits relations and related policy issues from the perspectives of both Beijing and Taipei in the same volume. As such, this project is designed to offer a more balanced discussion of cross-Taiwan Straits relations by inviting three scholars from each side of the Taiwan Straits to address the imperative issues in cross-Straits relations and relevant policies of both sides from the respective perspectives of Beijing and Taipei. In the meantime, two scholars from North America contribute two chapters that respectively examine the institutional aspect of policy making on both sides of the Straits.

The scholars involved in this project are actively engaged in research activities on cross-Straits relations and related policies of Beijing and Taipei. The scholars from both mainland China and Taiwan are also involved in varying degrees in providing policy advice for decision makers of their respective governments. By providing different views of both sides of the Taiwan Straits, this volume is intended to offer balanced, informative and stimulating discussions of cross-Straits relations so as to help readers acquire a better understanding of the complex issues across the Taiwan Straits. It is also

hoped that the insights of the volume will be helpful for decision makers of both sides in making more relevant and effective policies in the coming years.

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