Chapter 1: Introduction


Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.

This book serves as the starting point model of my thesis. It describes the dramatic economic and spatial transformation of China’s Pearl River Delta region over the past decade. The author reviews the processes behind the development and discusses the implications of such change. He systematically examines the transformation of the Chinese spatial economy to reveal the patterns of spatial and economic restructuring the delta, and provides three case studies that focus on rural industrialization, transport development, and the influence of Hong Kong.


New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc.
After China has become a very strong economic force in the global scheme, more and more researchers pay attention to its environmental problems. This book focuses more on the Chinese people’s quality of life which is highly associated with environment quality, than physical environment indicators.

**Chapter 2: Regional Context**


The core report in this brochure states the Guangdong provincial government’s goal to speed up urbanization. It lists comparisons of development patterns and urbanization indicators between Chinese cities and cities in other countries.


The above two documents are similar comprehensive plans for Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province, also the biggest city in the Pearl River Delta area. They discuss primarily about the development goal, the city’s land use, ecological environment, and its transportation problems.

Huang Zhimin (July, 2001). Personal interview in Guangzhou, China.


Ming, Zhang (1999). Map of the Pearl River Delta. Available at:


This government document evaluates Guangdong Province’s economic status and foreign investment
environment. It provides a comprehensive plan from the government’s point of view.


Available at: http://www.wri.org/wri/wr-96-97/ud_b3.html


There are updated environmental quality data, government policies and reports on the whole province on the website.


As an important investor in the Pearl River Delta area, Hong Kong businessmen keep a close track on the region’s development. This is a gateway homepage leading to many other resources.


This is an investor’s guide online supported by the provincial government.


**Chapter 3: Literature Review**


Federal Register, Vol 55 No. 82. March 30, 1990

The book is a thorough study on the evolution of China's FDI regulatory framework, international perspectives on it, modes, trends and patterns of FDI in China. It also provides evidence from China's taxation policies for its high demand for FDI.


Georgieva, K. (1998): Environment and the Crisis in East Asia: A Step Back or a New Way Forward?


Hayter, Roger (1997, ongoing), The Dynamics of Industrial Location: The Firm, the Factory and the Production System. Notes of the book can be found at http://www.sfu.ca/~hayter/.


Hong, Jianwu (June 2001). Personal interview, Guangzhou, China.
Howell, Jude (2000). Foreign Trade Reform and Relations with International Economic Institutions. In


The book provides an overview of China's development path in the second half of the 20th century,
with particular emphasis on the period since 1978. Its chapters focus on China's key economic
programs and policies as well as China's handling of important trade and investment relationship with
neighboring countries.


(1998), *Globalization and the Environment: Perspective from OECD and Dynamic Non-member


Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.

Naughton, Barry (eds) (1997). *The China circle: Economics and Electronics in the PRC, Taiwan, and


The book tells how the China Circle emerged, stimulated by economic complementary, and how firms
play the central roles in the story, with government policies playing secondary.


The publication presents the papers from a workshop of a Programme of Dialogue and Co-operation which the OECD initiated with China in 1996. It examines the use of economic instruments in environmental policies in China, especially on the cost-effective approach to control air pollution.


This book records the disastrous degradation of China’s natural environment during the ear of Mao Zedong. It not only examines China’s environment from a historical point of view, but also explores the social and historical roots of patterns that affect not just China but the world.


The mid-1980 book is based on a report on China’s environment for the World Bank from then newly emerged Chinese sources. It provides rich and useful data on China’s land, water, air, biota, and solutions to the degrading environment in the early 80s context.


The book is a companion volume to the World Development Report 1999/2000 which assembles a selection of papers that relate to the unfolding of local dynamics in an increasingly integrated world environment. It has four subcategories on globalization and economic development: The world of globalizing forces, managing urbanization in a globalizing world, making decentralization work in a global economy, and building competitive cities for the 21st century. It is rich in globalization and urban change theories and case studies.


**Chapter 4: Theoretical Framework**


Chapter 5: Analysis


Huang, Zhimin (July, 2001). Personal interview, Guangzhou, China.


Guangdong Statistic Yearbook (1999)


Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.

Wu, Duiling (2001). Getting to Know Dongguan’s Economic and Social Sustainable Development.


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**Chapter 6: Findings & Recommendations**

