

Abbreviations

ACFIC	All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce
APSEM	Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management
BET	Bureau of Economics and Trade
BICM	Bureau of Industry and Commerce Management
CASS	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
CCER	China Center for Economic Research
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CEO	chief executive officer
CV	coefficient of variation
<i>Getihu</i>	Single business proprietor
ICBC	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
IFC	International Finance Corporation
MLSS	Ministry of Labour and Social Security
MOFTEC	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation
MSB	Min Sheng Bank
NPC	National People's Congress
PBOC	People's Bank of China
R&D	research and development
SETC	State Economic and Trade Commission
SOB	state-owned bank
SOE	state-owned enterprise
SSB	State Statistical Bureau
TSPE	<i>Tentative Stipulations on Private Enterprises</i>
TSRIPE	<i>Tentative Stipulations on the Registration of Individual and Private Enterprises</i>
TVE	township and village enterprise