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## A note on spelling

This book uses the Wade–Giles system for transliterating Chinese names and terms. For the spelling of place names, the *Chinese Postal Atlas* has been used as a guide. However, where the latter is inadequate in distinguishing a town or a region from an administrative unit of the same name, the administrative units have been rendered according to the Wade–Giles system. For example:

<i>Chinese Postal Atlas</i>	<i>Wade–Giles system</i>
Taiwan (island)	T'ai-wan (prefecture or circuit, depending on the suffix or context)
Kiukiang (town, treaty port)	Chiu-chiang (prefecture)

This convention enables the reader to identify, for instance, the Chiu-chiang component in the Kuang-Jao-Chiu-Nan circuit in Kiangsi province.

## Abbreviations used in the notes

<i>CHTC</i>	<i>Chiang-hsi t'ung-chih</i> (Gazetteer of Kiangsi province)
<i>CTSM</i>	<i>T'ung-chih chia-hsü Jih-ping ch'in-T'ai shih-mo</i> (The complete account of the Japanese invasion of Taiwan in 1874)
<i>FCTC</i>	<i>Fu-chien t'ung-chih</i> (Gazetteer of Fukien province)
<i>FCTC:LCH</i>	<i>Fu-chien t'ung-chih lieh-chuan hsüan</i> (Selections from the biographical section of <i>Fu-chien t'ung-chih</i> )
FO	Great Britain, Foreign Office Archives
<i>HFT</i>	<i>Hai-fang tang</i> (Facsimile of the maritime defence file)
<i>IWSM</i>	<i>Ch'ou-pan i-wu shih-mo</i> (The complete account of our management of barbarian affairs)
<i>LKI</i>	Liu K'un-i, <i>Liu K'un-i i-chi</i> (Collected works of Liu K'un-i)
<i>LWCK</i>	Li Hung-chang, <i>Li Wen-chung kung ch'üan-chi</i> (The complete works of Li Hung-chang)
MAE	France, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
<i>MHHC</i>	<i>Min-Hou hsien-chih</i> (Gazetteer of Min and Hou-kuan districts)
MM	France, Ministère de la Marine
<i>NCH</i>	<i>North-China Herald and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette</i>
<i>SCTI</i>	<i>Tao Hsien T'ung Kuang ssu-ch'ao tsou-i</i> (Memorials from the Tao-kuang, Hsien-feng, T'ung-chih, and Kuang-hsü reigns)
<i>Shih-lu</i>	<i>Ta-Ch'ing li-ch'ao shih-lu</i> (Veritable records for the successive reigns of the Ch'ing dynasty)
<i>SWSK</i>	Shen Pao-chen, <i>Shen Wen-su kung cheng-shu</i> (The political works of Shen Pao-chen)
<i>TWCK</i>	Tseng Kuo-fan, <i>Tseng Wen-cheng kung ch'üanchi</i> (The complete works of Tseng Kuo-fan)
<i>TWHK</i>	Tso Tsung-t'ang, <i>Tso Wen-hsiang kung ch'üan-chi</i> (The complete works of Tso Tsung-t'ang)



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<i>TWTC</i>	<i>T'ai-wan t'ung-chih</i> (Gazetteer of T'ai-wan)
TY:CHCW	China, Tsungli Yamen Archives: Chiang-hsi chiao-wu (Missionary affairs in Kiangsi)
TY:'O'	China, Tsungli Yamen Archives: 'O' (Russian file)
YCT	China, National Palace Museum Archives: Yüeh-che tang (Monthly compilation of memorials for the State History Office in the Ch'ing dynasty)
<i>YWYT</i>	<i>Yang-wu yün-tung</i> (the <i>yang-wu</i> movement)



Map 1. South-East China