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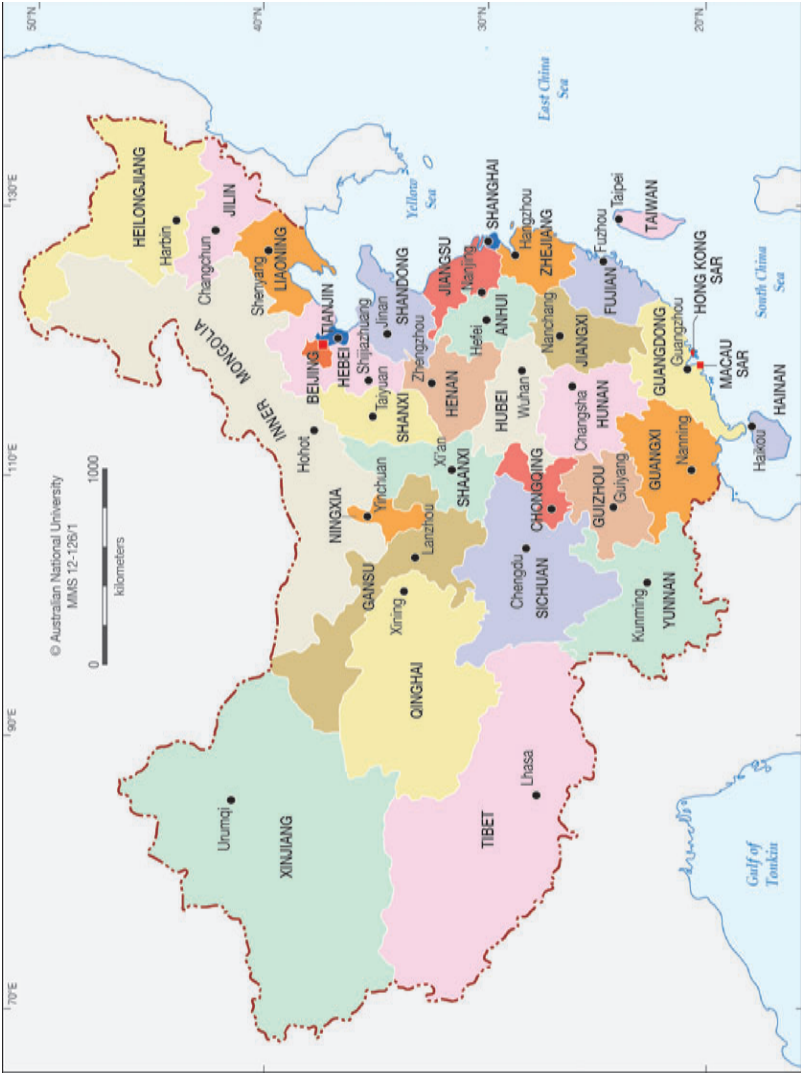
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Abbreviations

ACFTU	All China Federation of Trade Unions
ADVN	Anti-Domestic Violence Network
BL	Boy Love (fan fiction)
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CCTV	China Central Television
CNNI	China Net Network Information Center
CoPSI	Collective public security incidents
GDP	Gross domestic product
GL	Girl Love (fan fiction)
HDI	Human Development Index
LGBT	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender
MPS	Ministry of Public Security
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NPC	National People’s Congress
PLA	People’s Liberation Army
PRC	People’s Republic of China
RAB	Religious Affairs Bureau
SARA	State Administration of Religious Affairs
SEPA	State Environmental Protection Agency
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
TVE	Township and village enterprise
UEE	university entrance exam
UNDP	United Nations Development Program



Map 0.1 China's provinces and provincial capitals.
Source: Australian National University Cartography 2012.