

**Table 1. Basic Information on the three provinces (2003)**

<b>Province</b>	<b>Population (million)</b>	<b>Economic Growth Rate (%)</b>	<b>Area (10 thousand km)</b>	<b>GDP Per Capita (Yuan/person)</b>	<b>CCBs surveyed in the province</b>
<b>Chekiang</b>	46.13	14.0	10.2	19,944	<b>7 CCBs:</b> Jinhua, Huzhou, Hangzhou, Jiaxing, Wenzhou, Shaoxing, Taizhou
<b>Hubei</b>	59.75	9.3	18.6	9,031	<b>5 CCBs:</b> Yichang, Jingzhou, Wuhan, Xiaogan, Huangshi
<b>Sichuan</b>	86.40	11.8	48.5	6,315	<b>8 CCBs:</b> Leshan, Luzhou, Panzhihua, Deyang, Zigong, Nanchong, Chengdu, Mianyang
<b>Total</b>	192.28	—	77.3	—	<b>20 CCBs</b>
<b>PRC</b>	1,276.27	9.1	960	9,143	<b>112 CCBs</b>