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Summary**

In order to gather detailed information on geographical names nationwide and to promote the use of information technology in the field of geographical names, in early 2014, the Government of China decided to conduct its second national survey of geographical names from July 2014 to June 2018. During the survey, the Government has been investigating the basic situation with respect to geographical names by gathering information on their attributes, standardizing the names of geographical entities, setting up toponymic signage, compiling toponymic materials for publication and developing information technology-based services.

The scope of the survey is the entire continental territory of China, excluding Hong Kong, China, Macao, China and Taiwan Province of China. The whole survey process is divided into three phases: from July to December 2014 for survey preparation; from January 2015 to June 2017 for survey implementation; and from July 2017 to June 2018 for the transformation of survey results.

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