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Notes

1. An important issue is that subsidies to higher education crowd out the public support to primary and secondary education, but for reasons of space this is not covered in the paper.
2. The *west poor areas* include 12 provinces/municipalities/autonomous regions. They consist 18% of China's GDP, 29% of the population, 60% of the poor people, 72% of the minority population and 72% of the surface area of China ([The World Bank Group for China, 22 January 2003](#), 17).

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