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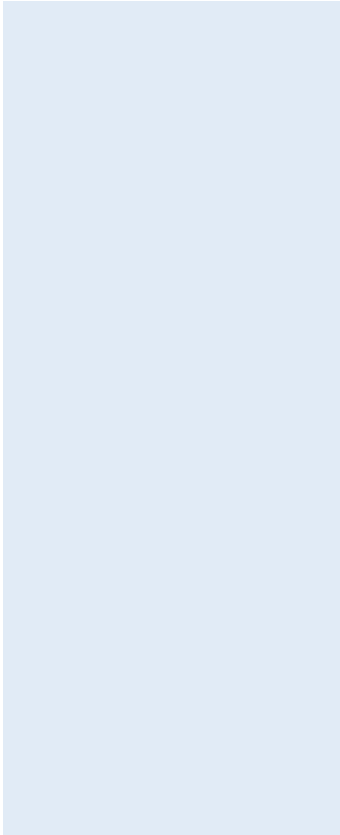
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bridging the gap between the two fields of study is

figure as key actors in a wide range of

interchangeably. With fiscal decentralisation and

This is due to three factors. Firstly, provincial officials

to make profits—or on providing low unemployment

into de facto financial independence and managerial

and local officials sharing informal business-political

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Provinces under Xi

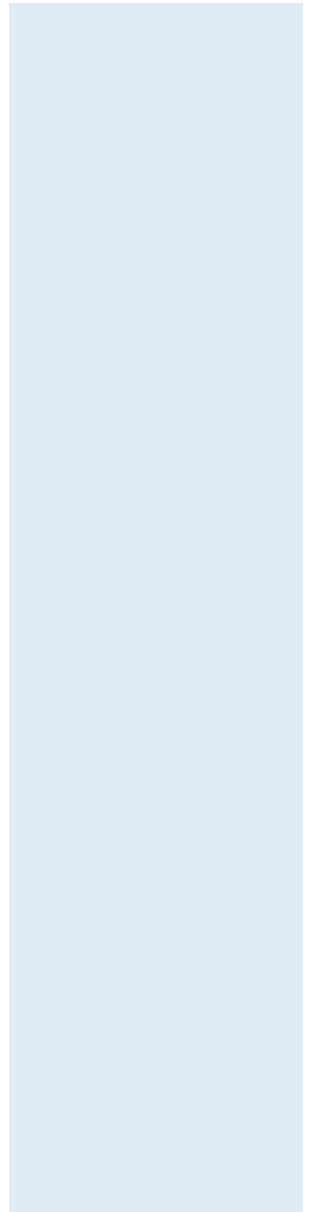
struggling to find willing doctors to

have begun sending less qualified

programmes, financial benefits, and political ties

Provinces as initiators: economic relations

relations. Sectorally-defined patterns of economic



on these specific states, strengthening

justified as an implementation of the

in lowering first-entry barriers for smaller
firms by supporting them, chiefly through

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in facilitating access to finance and

**Conclusion:
the continued role of provinces**

officials', with central policy being

sustains close engagement with specific

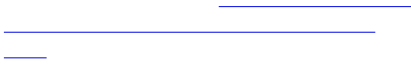
highlighted how Chinese officials from

more diverse relations with specific

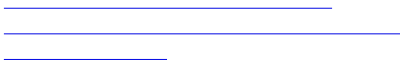
and/or benefiting from provincial



Endnotes



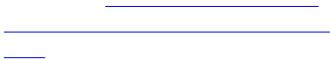
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the report identifies two strategies employed by