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<td>ACTA</td>
<td>All China Taiwanese Association</td>
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<tr>
<td>ADSL</td>
<td>Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line</td>
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<td>APEC</td>
<td>Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum</td>
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<td>ARATS</td>
<td>Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits</td>
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<td>ASIC</td>
<td>Application Specific Integrated Circuit</td>
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<td>AVD</td>
<td>Advanced Versatile Disc</td>
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<td>BBS</td>
<td>Bulletin Board System</td>
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<td>BTDF</td>
<td>Beijing Technology Development Fund</td>
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<td>CCP</td>
<td>Chinese Communist Party</td>
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<td>CDC</td>
<td>China Development Center</td>
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<td>Code Division Multiple Access</td>
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<td>CIC</td>
<td>China Internet Company</td>
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<td>CNNIC</td>
<td>China Network Information Centre</td>
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<td>CSM</td>
<td>Chartered Semi-Conductor Manufacturing</td>
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<td>CWW</td>
<td>China Wide Web</td>
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<td>DPP</td>
<td>Democratic Progressive Party</td>
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<td>EMS</td>
<td>Electronic Manufacturing Service</td>
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<td>Fabs</td>
<td>Foundries</td>
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<td>FDI</td>
<td>Foreign Direct Investment</td>
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<td>GATS</td>
<td>General Agreement on Trade in Services</td>
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<td>GEM</td>
<td>Growth Enterprise Market</td>
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<td>GIO</td>
<td>Government Information Office</td>
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<td>GMD</td>
<td>Guomindang</td>
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<td>GSM</td>
<td>Global System for Mobile Communication</td>
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<td>GSMC</td>
<td>Grace Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation</td>
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<td>HP</td>
<td>Hewlett-Packard</td>
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<td>IC</td>
<td>Integrated Circuit</td>
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<td>ICANN</td>
<td>Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers</td>
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<td>Internet Content Provider</td>
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List of Acronyms

ICT: Information and Communication Technology
IIIMIC: Institute for Information Industry’s Market Intelligence Center
IP: Internet Protocol
IPE: International Political Economy
IPO: Initial Public Offering
IPR: Intellectual Property Right
ISP: Internet Service Provider
IT: Information Technology
ITRI: Industrial Technology Research Institute
ITU: International Telecommunications Union
LCD: Liquid Crystal Display
LMDS: Local Multipoint Distribution Service
MAC: Mainland Affairs Council
MII: Ministry of Information Industry
Mm: millimetre
MNC: Multinational Corporation
MOEA: Ministry of Economic Affairs
NGO: Non Governmental Organization
NIT: New Information Technology
Nm: nanometer
NSC: National Science Council
ODM: Original Design Manufacturing
OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturing
PDA: Personal Digital Assistant
PDC: Product Development Center
PLA: People’s Liberation Army
PRC: People’s Republic of China
R&D: Research and Development
ROC: Republic of China
SAR: Special Administrative Region
SARFT: State Administration of Radio, Film and Television
SEF: Straits Exchange Foundation
SHKP: Sun Hung Kai Properties
SMIC: Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation
SNMVC: Shanghai New Margin Venture Capital
SOE: State-owned Enterprise
SVCC: Shanghai Venture Capital Corporation
SVCD: Super Video CD
TCIT: Taoist Culture Information Centre
TDC: Taiwan Development Center
TD-SCDMA: Time-Division Synchronous Code-Division Multiple-Access
TFT-LCD: Thin Film Transistor and Liquid Crystal Display
TI: Texas Instrument
TLD: Top Level Domain
TSMC: Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation
UMC: United Microelectronics Corporation
VC: Venture Capital
VCD: Video CD
WCDMA: Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
WTO: World Trade Organization
3G: Third Generation
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