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The Inter-local Cooperation Logics of Delivering Government Services on a Cross-city Basis: Evidences from Guangdong

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Abstract

Accelerating government services delivery on a cross-city basis is the core initiative to provide people with greater access to services outside of their home jurisdiction, and important to the transformation of government functions and the building of service-oriented government that satisfies the people. Building upon the literature on inter-local cooperation and field research of Chinese government services delivery, this study analyses the “cross-city services” of 210 city-dyads in Guangdong Province. The research findings indicate that both supply and demand factors contribute to the cooperative connection of the cities. Strong demands from local residents and regional cooperation strategies, and municipal governments’ professional administration capability can enable cities reach bilateral cooperation and better facilitate delivering services on a cross-city basis.

Key Words

Delivering Services on a Cross-city Basis; Inter-local Cooperation; Cooperative Connection; Dyadic Perspective