

The Development Level and Dominant Types Partition of Rural Areas in Fujian Province of China

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ABSTRACT This paper hierarchically constructed the Rural Development Level (*RDL*) evaluation index system with four evaluation indices and ten factor layer indices. The result showed that, on one hand, basic features of rural development included stability overall level, remarkable growth trend, obvious regional characteristics on *Minnan* area, Northern area, a small part of *Minxi* area in Fujian province, and undulation of different regions in different periods of Fujian's rural development. On the other hand, rural development in Fujian province, is striking influenced by geography, resources, economy and culture, and the characteristics of agricultural modernization, new urbanization and new rural construction are main driving factors. Ultimately, the four dominant types with Industry and Commerce Oriented (I), Agricultural Industry Oriented (II), Agriculture, Industry and Commerce Oriented (III), and Agricultural Leading (IV) of rural development was divided by cluster analysis.