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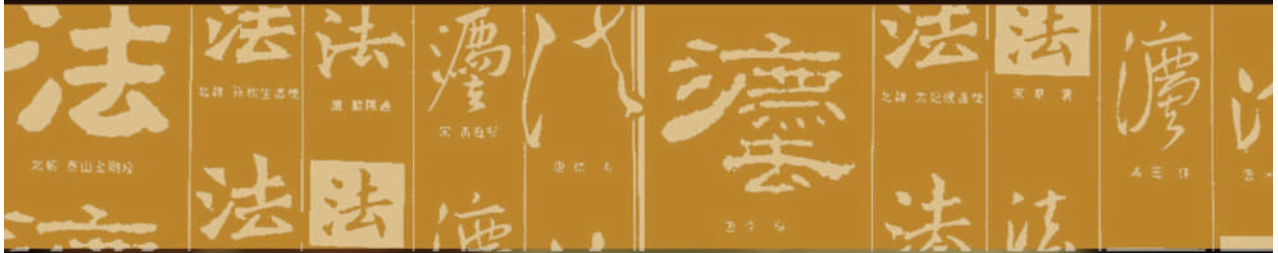
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CGJ	Council of Grand Justices
CIETAC	China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission
CPLC	Central Political-Legal Committee
DPP	Democratic Progressive Party
EU	European Union
KMT	Kuomintang, the Chinese Nationalist Party
LDP	Liberal Democratic Party
MPR	People's Consultative Assembly (Majelis Permusjawaratan Rakjat)
NPC	National People's Congress
OBOR	One Belt One Road
PKU	Peking University
PRC	People's Republic of China
QPC	Preliminary Question of Constitutionality
RMB	Renminbi, the official currency of the People's Republic of China
ROC	Constitution of the Republic of China
SPC	Supreme People's Court
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Union
U. S.	United States
USD	United States Dollar
WTO	World Trade Organization