

The State Council of the People's Republic of China

ABOUT THE STATE COUNCIL

The State Council is the chief administrative authority of the People's Republic of China. The State Council represents one of three branches of power in China's political structure, alongside the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Central Military Commission (CMC), and oversees constituent ministries as well as provincial-level governments (but not CCP committees). The President is China's head of state and represents the PRC in international engagements. The position itself is largely ceremonial but is an important part of Xi's political dominance, as the president formally has the power to appoint state leaders, to promulgate laws, to declare states of emergency, and to declare war. The State Council has an Executive that meets regularly to discuss major governmental issues, and is comprised of the Premier, four Vice Premiers, and five State Councilors. The premier is nominated by the president and approved by the National People's Congress (NPC). Other members of the State Council are nominated by the premier and approved by the NPC or its standing committee. Members of the State Council are elected for five-year terms and are capped at two terms.

President

Xi Jinping
习近平
CCP General Secretary

Born 1953



Vice President

Han Zheng
韩正
Ex-member, CCP Politburo Standing Committee

Born 1954



Premier

Li Qiang 李强

Member, CCP Politburo Standing Committee

b. 1959



Vice Premiers

Ding Xuexiang 丁薛祥

Portfolio includes:
Education, Development & Reform, Science & Technology, Environment, Public Finance

b. 1962



He Lifeng 何立峰

Portfolio includes:
Financial Regulation, Natural Resources, Commerce, Housing & Urban Development, Monetary Policy, Transport

b. 1955



Zhang Guoqing 张国清

Portfolio includes:
Market regulation, Industry&Information Technology, State-Owned Enterprises

b. 1964



Liu Guozhong 刘国中

Portfolio includes:
Agriculture&Rural Affairs, Health, Water Resources

b. 1962



State Councilors

Li Shangfu 李尚福

Member, CCP Central Military Commission;
Minister of National Defense
Portfolio includes:
National Defense

b. 1958



Wang Xiaohong 王小洪

Minister of Public Security;
Secretary, CCP Secretariat
Portfolio includes:
Public Security

b. 1957



Wu Zhenglong 吴政隆

Secretary General, State Council
Portfolio includes:
State Council Counselor's Office, National Government Offices Administration, State Council General Office, State Council Research Office

b. 1964



Shen Yiqin 谌贻琴

Portfolio includes:
Civil Affairs, Veterans Affairs, Human Resources and Social Security, Sport

b. 1959



Qin Gang 秦刚

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Portfolio includes:
Foreign Affairs, International Development Cooperation

b. 1966



Ministers

Zheng Shanjie
郑栅洁

Director, National Development and Reform Commission

Liu Kun
刘昆

Minister of Finance

Li Guoying
李国英

Minister of Water Resources



Huai Jinpeng
怀进鹏

Minister of Education

Tang Dengjie
唐登杰

Minister of Civil Affairs

Tang Renjian
唐仁建

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs



Wang Zhigang
王志刚

Minister of Science and Technology

He Rong
贺荣

Minister of Justice

Hu Heping
胡和平

Minister of Culture and Tourism



Jin Zhuanglong
金壮龙

Minister of Industry and Information Technology

Wang Xiaoping
王晓萍

Minister of Human Resources and Social Security

Ma Xiaowei
马晓伟

Director, National Health Commission



Pan Yue
潘岳

Director, National Ethnic Affairs Commission

Wang Guanghua
王广华

Minister of Natural Resources

Pei Jinjia
裴金佳

Minister of Veterans Affairs



Yi Gang
易纲

Governor, People's Bank of China (with ministerial rank)

Huang Runqiu
黄润秋

Minister of Ecology and Environment

Wang Xiangxi
王祥喜

Minister of Emergency Management



Chen Yixin
陈一新

Minister of State Security

Ni Hong
倪虹

Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development

Hou Kai
侯凯

Auditor-general of the National Audit Office



Wang Wentao
王文涛

Minister of Commerce

Li Xiaopeng
李小平

Minister of Transport

