

BIOGRAPHIES

Party Secretary of CPC Guangdong Committee, His Excellency Hu Chunhua

Born April 1963, Hu Chunhua is regional official, and a member of the Communist Party's Politburo. He is Communist Party Secretary of Guangdong province, the top political office. Hu worked in Tibet for much of his political career and ascended the party ranks partly through the Communist Youth League. Popularly known as "little Hu" due to the similarities of his career with that of former Party General Secretary Hu Jintao (no relation).

He became China's youngest governor when he took the position in Hebei province in 2008. He was promoted to Party Secretary of Inner Mongolia in 2009. As one of the youngest provincial leaders, Hu is seen as a promising candidate in the 'sixth generation' of Chinese leadership.

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Liu Xiaoming

Born January 1956, Mr Liu is a career diplomat, having joined the Chinese Foreign Service in 1974. In 1998 he was appointed Minister (Deputy Chief of Mission) at the Chinese Embassy in the USA. Between 2001 and 2003 he acted as Ambassador to Egypt, and from 2006 to 2010 was Ambassador to North Korea. He replaced Fu Ying as Chinese Ambassador to the UK in 2010. He is married to Hu Pinghua, a career diplomat. They have one son.

Mr. Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou City

Born September 1963, Mr Wen worked at the Guangdong Economic and Trade Commission from 1990 to 1996. He then acted in various Deputy Director roles within the Commission until 2009. He became Director General of Guangdong State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission in 2012, before spending three years as Secretary of the CPC Shanwei

Committee in Guangdong. He spent a year as Vice Governor of Guangdong Province, before his appointment as Mayor of Guangzhou City in 2016. He has a Master of Engineering in Industry Management Engineering certificate, which he obtained from the South China University of Technology.

Consul General Mr. Pan Xinchun



Born April 1962, Mr Pan is a career diplomat. From 1988 to 1992 he worked in the Chinese Embassy in Canada, before assuming the role of Second, and then First Secretary in the Embassy in Australia from 1997 to 2000. He returned to Canada from 2002 to 2004, where he served as Deputy Consul General. From 2005 to 2009 he was a Counsellor in the Chinese Embassy in South Africa. He then returned to China to work in senior positions in the Department of North American and Oceania Affairs, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He replaced Li Ruiyou as Chinese Consul General in Edinburgh in 2014. He is married with one son.

Mr. Zhong Weiyun, Director General, International Development of CPC Central Committee



Born in 1965, Mr Zhong has served as Director-General of Bureau for North American, Oceanian and Nordic Affairs, International Department of CPC Central Committee (IDCPC) since January 2017. He graduated from the Department of History, Peking University, with a Master's degree. In 1990, he started to work at the Bureau for African Affairs, IDCPC and from 1993 to 1997, he was posted to the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia as Third Secretary. From April 1997, he served successively as Deputy Division Director, Division Director, Deputy Director-General and Director-General of the Bureau for African Affairs.

Mr. Chen Biao, Vice Mayor of People's Government of Shenzhen Municipality



Born in 1957, Mr Chen joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1983. He was appointed to various positions within the Shenzhen Municipal Government between 1985 and 2010, including divisional roles as Deputy Director, Director-General, Vice Chairman and Chairman. He was appointed as Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipality in 2011. He has a Master's degree from the Party School of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee.

To note: At dinner, FM will also be seated at the top table with these guests.

Other guests at top table will be:

- Mr Geoff Pope, Head of Asia Pacific and Central Asia Policy, Scottish Government
- The Rt Hon Frank Ross, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
- Mr Matthew Rous, HM Consul-General Guangzhou, Foreign and Commonwealth Office