

Islamabad's Informal



CHINA STUDY CIRCLE



Tenth Session





AGENDA

- 1- Networking of Participants and special guests of the session**
- 2-Monthly Update on CPEC and OBOR: Projects, Perceptions, Periodicals/Literature**
- 3-Selected Item of the Fundamentals to Study China**
- 4-Formal and Informal Discussion Period**





19th CPC National Congress

(18th-24th October, 2017)

96 years old





The CPC was founded in July 1921. A total of **12 delegates** representing about 50 CPC members nationwide secretly convened at the first CPC national congress in late July in Shanghai. July 1 was later designated as anniversary of the founding of the CPC.



19th CPC National Congress (18th – 24th October 2017)

During 19th CPC Congress the CPC Constitution was amended to include Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as a new component of the Party's guide for action



HISOTICAL BACKGROUND

- The CPC Constitution was first unveiled at the second CPC National Congress held in 1922. At the 7th CPC National Congress in 1945, Mao Zedong Thought was established as CPC's guiding ideology.
- The current version of the Constitution was endorsed at the 12th CPC National Congress in 1982, which corrected "leftist" mistakes and set economic construction for socialist modernization as the focus of the Party's work
- the current constitution had undergone amendments for six times since 1982



SIX AMENDMENTS

- At the 18th CPC National Congress in November 2012, the Scientific Outlook on Development was made a part of the Party's guide for action in the constitution;
- At the 17th CPC National Congress in October 2007, the Scientific Outlook on Development was added into the Constitution;
- At the 16th CPC National Congress in November 2002, the Theory of Three Represents was included as part of the Party's guide for action;
- At the 15th CPC National Congress in September 1997, Deng Xiaoping Theory was established as the CPC's guiding theory;



- At the 14th CPC National Congress in October 1992, Deng Xiaoping's theory of building socialism with Chinese characteristics was written into the constitution;
- At the 13th CPC National Congress in November 1987, revisions, such as the use of competitive or multi-candidate election procedure in which the number of candidates nominated is greater than the number of persons to be elected in elections, were made.



2,280 delegates represented the party's estimated 89 million members (roughly 6.8 percent of the population)

CPC members are from all walks of life. Workers and farmers make up the highest share of 36.95 percent, followed by professionals and management with 25.21 percent. The remaining members are officials, students and the retired

CPC members are grouped in more than 4.5 million grassroots Party units

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0Ad31PcboQ> (how delegates are selected)



KEY THEORIES AND STRATEGIC THOUGHTS

The CPC takes **Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory**, *the important thought of Three Represents* and **the Scientific Outlook on Development** as its guide to action



Strategic objectives of Party

"two centenary goals"

- The first goal is about making China a moderately prosperous society, with the benefits felt by the well-over one billion population by the **Party's centenary (2021)**.
- The second goal is to bring China's GDP per capita up to the level of moderately developed countries, and realize modernization by the **centenary of the PRC (2049)**.



19th CPC National Congress

China will see that socialist modernization is basically realized from 2020 to 2035. From 2035 to the mid-21st century, China will be developed into a great modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful



HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS ?

There are also working plans for promoting socialist economic, political, cultural, social, and ecological advancement in China. This is labeled as a ***five-sphere integrated plan***.

Alongside the five-sphere integrated plan is a ***four-pronged comprehensive strategy***. This strategy hopes to make comprehensive moves towards building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, deepen reforms, advance law-based governance, and strengthen Party self-governance.

One Belt One Road Initiative is now being written into the Constitution



LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The congress duly elected the party's leading bodies, including the **25-member Politburo**, the **7-member Politburo Standing Committee**, and the **Central Commission for Discipline Inspection**, the internal discipline organ that has come to the political foreground since 2012. It also elected a new, scaled down **Central Military Commission**.



NEXT LEADERSHIP

It's important to see who walks out first, signaling a higher rank

Chen Miner, 56

Political alignment: Chen is considered a protégé of Xi's and a member of the Zhejiang clique, a major component of Xi's faction.

Hu Chunhua, 54

Political alignment: Brought up from the Communist Youth League, Hu is considered a favored leadership candidate by ex-president Hu Jintao (no relation).



Ding Xuexiang, 55

Political alignment: Ding is considered part of Xi's inner circle. In 2013 Ding moved to Beijing to head the party chief office, effectively serving as Xi's personal secretary. Ding is a routine member of Xi's overseas entourage. He is expected to become Xi's new chief of staff.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- The media center for the upcoming 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) opened for both domestic and overseas press.
- The work space has been expanded to accommodate 170 journalists, 124 more than the 18th CPC National Congress.
- Media communication areas have been increased from two to four and Internet broadband has been boosted from 100 Mbps to 1000 Mbps, while free WiFi covers all service areas.
- The media center launched an official website and WeChat to provide the public with the congress agenda, latest news, announcements and background information in both Chinese and English.

Previously only “family Photo” was released after session



IMPACT

- Global perception
- Around 20 Chinese universities have set up research centers focused on the teaching of “Xi Jinping Thought,” shortly after the Chinese president enshrined his name and doctrine in the Communist Party’s constitution.



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