

Chen Quanguo 陈全国

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Current Positions

- Party Secretary of Xinjiang (Uyghur) Autonomous Region (2016–present)
- Party Secretary and First Political Commissar of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (2016–present)
- Full member of the Central Committee of the CCP (2012–present)

Personal and Professional Background

Chen Quanguo was born in November 1955 in Pingyu County, Henan Province. He joined the CCP in 1976. He served as a soldier in the PLA (1973–77). He received an undergraduate education in political economy from the Department of Economics at Zhengzhou University in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province (1978–81), and a master's degree in economics from Wuhan University of Technology in Wuhan City, Hubei Province (via part-time studies, 1995–97).

After demobilization from the military, Chen worked as a manual laborer at an auto parts factory in Zhumadian City, Henan Province (1977–78). After graduating from college, he worked as a grassroots-level official in Xindian Commune, Pingyu County, Henan Province (1981–83). He served as a *mishu* (personal assistant) with the rank of deputy county head in the CCP Committee of Zhumadian Prefecture in Henan Province (1983–85) and then was promoted to deputy chief of staff of the CCP Committee of Zhumadian Prefecture and director of the Policy Research Office of the CCP Committee of Zhumadian Prefecture (1985–88).

Chen served as party secretary of Suiping County, Henan Province (1988–94); head of the Organization Department and member of the Standing Committee of the CCP Committee of Pingdingshan City, Henan Province (1994–96); mayor and deputy party secretary of the CCP Committee of Luohe City, Henan Province (1996–98); vice-governor of Henan Province (1998–2001); director of the Organization Department of the CCP Committee of Henan Province (2000–04); and deputy party secretary of Henan (2003–09). He was then transferred to Hebei Province, where he served as governor and deputy party secretary (2009–11). He then served as party secretary of Tibet (2011–16). He was first elected to the Central Committee as an alternate member at the 17th Party Congress in 2007.

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