

Ding Xuexiang 丁薛祥

Born 1962

- Executive Deputy Director of the General Office of the CCP Central Committee (2016–present)
- Director of the Office of the General Secretary (2013–present)
- Alternate member of the Central Committee of the CCP (2012–present)



Personal and Professional Background

Ding Xuexiang was born in September 1962 in Nantong City, Jiangsu Province. He joined the CCP in 1984. Ding received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the Department of Machinery Manufacturing at the Northeast Institute of Heavy Machinery in Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province (1978–82).ⁱ Ding also received a master's degree in science (via part-time studies, 1994–96), but the school where he undertook his graduate studies is unknown.

Ding advanced his early political career in Shanghai. After graduating from college in 1982, he began working at the Shanghai Research Institute of Materials, where he served as a research fellow (1982–84); deputy director of the General Office and, concurrently, secretary of the Chinese Communist Youth League Committee (1984–88); director of the General Office and director of the Propaganda Department (1988–92); and director of the No. 9 Department (1992–94). He was then promoted to deputy director of the institute (1994–96). Finally, he was promoted to director and, concurrently, deputy party secretary (1996–99).

After that, Ding served as deputy director of the Shanghai Municipal Science and Technology Commission (1999–2001); deputy party secretary and head of the Zhabei District of Shanghai (2001–04); and deputy director of the Organization Department of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee and, concurrently, director of the Personnel Bureau of the Shanghai municipal government (2004–06). In 2006, Ding was appointed deputy secretary general (deputy chief of staff) and, concurrently, director of the General Office of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee. In 2007, he was promoted to secretary general (chief of staff), primarily assisting the party secretaries of Shanghai: first Chen Liangyu (2006–07), then Han Zheng and Xi Jinping (2006–07), and finally Yu Zhengsheng (2007–12). Ding served as a member of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee (2007–13) and as secretary of the Political and Legal Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee (2013). He was first elected to the Central Committee as an alternate member at the 18th Party Congress in 2012.

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ⁱ It is now named Yanshan University.