

# Huang Kunming 黄坤明

Born 1956

## Current Positions

- Executive Deputy Director of the Central Propaganda Department of the CCP Central Committee (2014–present)
- Director of the Civilization Office of the CCP Central Committee (2014–present)
- Alternate Member of the Central Committee of the CCP (2012–present)



## Personal and Professional Background

Huang Kunming was born in November 1956 in Shanghang County, Fujian Province. He joined the CCP in 1976. He received a bachelor's degree in politics from the Department of Political Education at Fujian Normal University in Fuzhou City, Fujian Province (1978–82); a master's degree in economic management from the Central Party School in Beijing (via part-time studies, 1985–88); and a doctoral degree in management from the Tsinghua University School of Public Administration in Beijing (via part-time studies, 2005–08).

He began his career as a PLA soldier (1974–77). He was also a “sent-down youth” at Tongxian Commune, Shanghang County, Fujian Province (1977–78).<sup>i</sup> After graduating from Fujian Normal University, he worked as a clerk in the Young Cadre Division of the Organization Department of the Longyan Prefecture Party Committee of Fujian Province (1982–88). He served as deputy director of the General Office (1988–91) and then director of the General Office and deputy secretary-general of Longyan Prefecture, Fujian Province (1991–93). After that, he served as party secretary of Yongding County, Fujian Province (1993–98), and deputy party secretary and mayor of Longyan City (1998–99).

In 1999, he was transferred to Zhejiang, where he served as deputy party secretary (1999–2003) and mayor (2000–03) of Huzhou City and party secretary of Jiaxing City (2003–07). He then served as director of the Propaganda Department of the Zhejiang Provincial Party Committee (2007–10) and party secretary of Hangzhou (2010–13).

After that, he was appointed deputy head of the Central Propaganda Department of the CCP Central Committee (2013–14). He was first elected to the Central Committee as an alternate member at the 18th Party Congress in 2012.

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### Notes:

<sup>i</sup> “Sent-down youth” (插队知青) refers to young, educated urbanites who left their home cities to serve as manual laborers in the countryside during the Cultural Revolution.