The State Council of the People’s Republic of China

**ABOUT THE STATE COUNCIL:**

The State Council is the highest executive and administrative organ of government in China. It is composed of the premier, vice premiers, state councilors, and the secretary general. Ministries, Commissions, and other groups are under the State Council. The premier of the State Council is nominated by the president and approved by the National People’s Congress (NPC). Other members of the State Council are nominated by the premier and approved by the NPC or its Standing Committee. Members of the State Council are elected to a five-year term, and incumbents cannot be reappointed after two successive terms.

The State Council is responsible for carrying out the principles and policies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) as well as the regulations and laws adopted by the NPC. The State Council has the power to submit proposals on laws to the NPC and to formulate administrative measures.

China’s President is the official head of state but has no day-to-day governance duties.

**PREMIER:**

LI KEQIANG

Member, CCP Politburo Standing Committee
Born 1955

**PRESIDENT:**

XI JINPING

CCP General Secretary; Chairman, CCP Central Military Commission
Born 1953

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

WANG QISHAN

Born 1948

**VICE PREMIERS:**

HAN ZHENG

Portfolio:
Macroeconomic planning, economic development, energy, environment, State Council restructuring
Born 1946

SUN CHUNLAN

Portfolio:
Education, culture, sports, health, veterans affairs
Born 1950

HU CHUNHUA

Portfolio:
Poverty alleviation, natural disaster management, reforestation, rural work, agriculture
Born 1953

LIU HE

Portfolio:
Trade, finance, state-owned enterprises, sciences, technology
Born 1952

**STATE COUNCILORS:**

WEI FENGHE

Member, CCP Central Military Commission; Minister of National Defense
Born 1954

WANG YONG

Member, Party Group of the State Council
Born 1955

WANG YI

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Born 1953

XIAO JIE

Secretary General, State Council
Born 1957

ZHANG JIKE

Minister of Public Security
Born 1953

**SELECT MINISTERS UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL:**

HE LIFENG

Director, National Development and Reform Commission
Born 1955

LIU KUN

Minister of Finance
Born 1956

MIAO WEI

Minister of Industry and Information Technology
Born 1955

ZHONG SHAN

Minister of Commerce
Born 1955

CHEN WENQING

Minister of State Security
Born 1960

YI GANG

Governor, People’s Bank of China (with ministerial rank)
Born 1958