

# Positioning for power at China Congress

China's Communist Party Congress is set to endorse changes to the party leadership which will determine policy for the next five years and could point to Hu Jintao's successor as president in 2012

## KEY MEMBERS OF POLITBURO



**President Hu Jintao, 64:** Appointed Party chief in 2002, will receive second five-year mandate. Has cultivated “man of the people” image and likely to strengthen position by moving key allies into power and marginalising appointees of former leader **Jiang Zemin**. Hu's economic model – the so-called “scientific outlook on development” – will be incorporated into constitution



**Wu Bangguo, 66:** Head of Parliament, regarded as part of Jiang's “Shanghai Gang” but likely to retain position



**Premier Wen Jiabao, 65:** Populist and consensual, certain to maintain position but faces challenge in spreading economic growth to impoverished rural areas



**Jia Qinglin, 67:** Jiang appointee, damaged by corruption scandal while Fujian Party Chief, faces vote to remain in Politburo

## RISING STARS

**Li Keqiang, 52:** Party chief in northeastern Liaoning province and favourite of Hu, believed to harbour liberal sympathies

**Xi Jinping, 54:** Party chief in cosmopolitan Shanghai, son of leading revolutionary, with a foot in camps of both modernisers and conservatives

