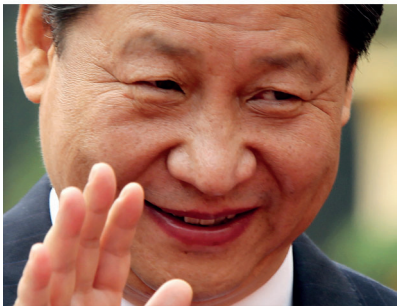


Xi Jinping profile



■ **1953:** Born in Shaanxi province, son of ***Xi Zhongxun***, one of Communist Party's founding fathers

■ **1963:** Father purged from power

■ **1969:** Xi sent to work for six years as "sent-down youth" during chaos of 1966-76 Cultural Revolution

■ **1974:** Joins Communist Party

■ **1987:** Marries famous singer ***Peng Liyuan***, his second marriage

■ **2000:** Appointed provincial governor of Fujian province after helping clear up corruption scandal

■ **2007:** Briefly Party Chief of Shanghai, then promoted to Standing Committee – ruling inner circle

■ **2008:** Appointed vice-president

■ **2010:** Named vice-chair of Central Military Commission, which oversees People's Liberation Army

■ **Nov 2012:** **Becomes Communist Party chief. Xi Jinping will replace Hu Jintao as president of China in March**