

Contenders for China's new team

Just seven men vying for membership of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee (PSC) will lead the world's second-largest economy

Population of China

1.45 billion

(October 2022, estimate)



Xi Jinping, 69: Widely expected to clinch third five-year term as leader at Communist Party Congress

Li Keqiang, 67: Due to step down as premier when second term ends in March, but could stay on PSC



1 Wang Yang, 67. Currently ranked fourth on PSC. Leading candidate to become premier

3 He Lifeng, 67. tipped to replace **Liu He** as vice premier

5 Li Qiang, 63. Shanghai party secretary, possible PSC member

Han Zheng, 68. Due to retire from PSC but could be kept on

Wang Xiaohong, 65. Minister of public security – possible PSC

2 Hu Chunhua, 59. One of four vice premiers, could join PSC and possibly become premier

4 Ding Xuexiang, 60. Director, general office of CCP

6 Wang Yi, 68. Could replace foreign policy chief **Yang Jiechi**

Chen Min'er, 62. Trusted aide and candidate for PSC

Miao Hua, 66. Central Military Commission – possible PSC