

**CHINA'S PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP
RESHUFFLE AFTER THE
18TH PARTY CONGRESS**

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Executive Summary

1. China's provincial leadership has gone through a major reshuffle after the 18th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), affecting 14 provincial units and involving 29 politicians.
2. Three Politburo Standing Committee members from Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing have been transferred to Beijing to prepare for their new jobs in the center. Three new Politburo members have taken their positions in these municipalities.
3. Three Secretariat members (two of them are concurrent Politburo members) have also been transferred to Beijing for their new jobs. Their successors as provincial party secretaries are either from the center or from their original provinces.
4. The remaining new Politburo members from the provinces have moved to provinces or municipalities of Politburo status to assume their new positions, releasing their predecessors for new jobs in Beijing.
5. Following a usual pattern of political mobility, a large number of provincial governors have been promoted to provincial party secretaries either in their original provinces or elsewhere.
6. A number of executive vice governors have been promoted to acting governors of various provinces. These include a number of vice governors who failed to be elected as standing members of their provincial party committees in 2012. These acting governors have been confirmed as governors in recent provincial people's congresses.
7. The new provincial leaders and their colleagues will have to tackle various political, social, and economic issues in their localities.