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## Preface

The 13th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was held from October 25 to November 1, 1987.

The congress drew worldwide attention and comment, not only because a CPC congress is a major event, occurring only once every five years, but also because it took a big step towards rejuvenating the leadership. At the same time, it put forward a programme for the reform of the economic and political structure in the most populous country of the world. The programme, which is bold and geared to the current situation, is based on the experience of nine years of reform and on the theory that China is in the primary stage of socialism.

It is hoped that the publication of this pamphlet in a question-and-answer format will help readers understand the congress and the current status of China's reform. The pamphlet is written from authoritative materials, including the report delivered to the congress by Zhao Ziyang and other congress documents, as well as statements by senior Chinese officials at press conferences or elsewhere during the congress.

Lists of the members and alternate member of the CPC Central Committee's Political Bureau; members of the Political Bureau's Standing Committee; the members and alternate member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee; and leaders of the Central Committee's Military Commission, of the Central Advisory Commission and of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection; as well as biographies of the top CPC leaders are included as an appendix.