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# China initiates a change in leadership

#### Change of leadership in China

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**USPA NEWS** - The Communist Party elected a new Central Committee. Xi Jinping and Li Keqiang, take the lead. The 2,200 delegates of the Communist Party of China on Wednesday the 18th Congress completed. As President Hu Jintao told the roughly 200 members of the Central Committee were elected.

The new Communist Party leadership on Thursday to appear before the public.

It is expected that Hu Jintao Xi Jinping, deputy takes the party leadership and that next spring he also takes over the head of state. Deputy Prime Minister Li Keqiang would inherit the acting Prime Minister Wen Jiabao. The two leaders are expected on the practices of the people entrusted to Congress in March with their duties and shall remain in office for ten years.

In the early 18th Party Congress Hu called for in the past week, more efforts to fight corruption and a more sustainable economic growth. If there is no success, to get the corruption under control, this could the "collapse of the Party and State" cause, Hu warned.

It is the first change of government in China for ten years. The outgoing, 69-year-old party leader Hu Jintao is being replaced by the ten years younger, current Vice President Xi. Following the corruption scandals in recent months had been hotly debated behind the scenes to the replacement of the Politburo and its powerful Standing Committee.

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