## Wen Jiabao Premier of China

Wen Jiabao was born in September 1942 in Tianjin. He graduated from the Beijing Institute of Geology with a master's degree.

Mr. Wen worked in northwest China for 15 years with the Gansu Provincial Geological Bureau. In 1982, he was transferred to the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources in Beijing, where he later became its vice-minister.

In 1985, Mr. Wen was appointed deputy director of the General Office of the Communist Party of China's Central Committee, and he served as secretary of the Financial and Economic Leading Group of the Central Committee in 1992.

In 1997, Mr. Wen became a full member of the Central Committee's Political Bureau and was appointed to the Political Bureau's Standing Committee in November 2002.

Mr. Wen served for five years as a Vice-Premier, where he oversaw work related to agriculture, rural areas, development planning, and finance.

Mr. Wen was appointed Premier of China in March 2003 during the 10th National People's Congress.

Mr. Wen and his wife have two children.