Li Peng Premier of the People's Republic of China

Born in October 1928 in Chengdu, Sichuan province, Li Peng studied hydroelectric engineering at the Moscow Power Institute.

Li Peng worked his way upwards through the energy sector and the Chinese Communist Party hierarchy. In 1982, he was elected to the party's Central Committee by the 12th Party Congress.

In 1983, Li Peng became Vice Premier responsible for power, transportation and education. In 1985, he was elected to the Politburo and its executive body, the Secretariat.

Li Peng was appointed Premier in November 1987, and his appointment became official in April 1988.

Li Peng is married to Zhu Lin. They have two children.