

Shi Guangsheng
**Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic
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Shi Guangsheng was born in September 1939 in the county of Cungli, part of the province of Hebei. He graduated with a major in French from the Foreign Trade Institute in Beijing.

From 1965 to 1970, Mr. Shi worked in the office of the commercial counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Mali. On his return to China, he worked with the China National Metals and Minerals Import and Export Corporation and later joined the commercial counsellor's office at the Chinese Embassy in Belgium.

Mr. Shi then served in senior positions with his former firm and with the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade. He became assistant minister of the latter in 1991.

In 1993, Mr. Shi became vice-minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation. He was appointed Minister in March 1998.