

Zhu Rongji **Premier of China**

Zhu Rongji was born in 1928 in Changsha, Hunan province. He graduated from Qinghua University in Beijing in 1951 with a degree in electrical engineering.

During the 1950s, Mr. Zhu worked for the State Planning Commission. In 1988, he was named deputy secretary of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai and was appointed mayor. In 1989, he rose to party secretary.

In 1991, Mr. Zhu became Vice-Premier of China and, in 1992, he headed the party's financial and economic group.

As Vice-Premier, Mr. Zhu visited Canada in 1993. During the September 1997 First Plenum of the 15th Party Congress, he was re-elected a member of the party's Standing Committee. Mr. Zhu was named Premier during the ninth National People's Congress meeting in March 1998.

Mr. Zhu is married to Lao An. They have two children.