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Ma Kai was born in Xingxian, in Shanxi province, in June 1946. He received a master's degree in political economics in 1982 from the People's University of China, in Beijing.

An economic theorist, Mr. Ma joined the State Commodity Pricing Bureau in 1982 and was named director in 1995.

He has been vice-minister of the State Planning Commission and, in 1998, took on the post of deputy director general of the State Council.

Mr. Kai became Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission, a newly created body, in March 2003.