Zeng Peiyan Chairman, State Development Planning Commission

Zeng Peiyan was born in 1938 at Shaoxing in the province of Zhejiang. He graduated from the radio department of Qinghua University.

From 1962 to 1964, Mr. Zeng worked as a project officer in the Shanghai Electric Equipment Research Institute. From 1966 to 1981, he was the deputy chief engineer of the Xi'an Rectifier Research Institute of the First Ministry of Machine Building.

From 1982 to 1984, Mr. Zeng worked as first secretary in the office of the commercial counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in the United States. On his return to China, he worked from 1984 to 1988 in the Ministry of the Electronics Industry, where he rose to the position of vice-minister. Mr. Zeng also served as the deputy secretary-general and office director of the Central Leading Group for Finance and the Economy.

In 1993, Mr. Zeng became vice-minister of China's State Planning Commission, and, in March 1998, he was elected Chairman of the Commission, which is now called the State Development Planning Commission. He is a principal advisor to President Jiang Zemin and has been a Central Committee member since 1997.