



The Communist Party of China and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

Source I

Formation of the Communist Party of China

The Communist Party of China (CPC) was formed on 1-7-1921 in Shanghai. Its first National Congress was held in Shanghai on 23-7-1921. It was attended by 12 delegates elected by communist groups from different places.

Among them were Mao Zedong and He Shuheng from the Hunan Group, Dong Biwu and Chen Tanqiu from the Hubei Group, Li Da and Li Hanjun from the Shanghai Group, Zhang Guoshou from the Beijing Group and others. As the venue of the congress was kept under watch by special agents, the final day of the congress moved to a boat on Lake Nanhu in Jiaxing County, Zhejiang Province.

The congress adopted the **“First Guiding Principle of the Communist Party of China”**. Its main content was to adopt the party name of **“Communist Party of China”**. The congress elected the Party's central leadership organ, the Central Bureau, and **Chen Duxiu** was made Secretary. The first National Congress of the CPC marked the founding of the Party.



Answer the following questions.

1. According to Source 1, the CPC celebrates its 82nd anniversary in 2003.
2. Who's who?
 - a. Who was Secretary of the Central Bureau of the first National Congress of the CPC?
 - b. Who was a delegate of the Hunan Group to the first National Congress of the CPC?



Look up the following webpage to answer the question:

<http://cn.netor.com/m/minren/jiandang/index.htm>

For an illustrated history of the CPC, visit the following web page:

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/features/45954.htm>



About the CPC

The CPC was formed in July 1921. At present, there are over 66 million members.

Today, the CPC is leading the people in building socialism with Chinese characteristics. The central leading organ of the Communist Party of China is the National Party Congress, held once every five years, and its Central Committee, a plenary session of which is held at least once a year. The General Secretary of the Central Committee is elected at the plenary session of the Central Committee. The General Secretary of the Central Committee now is Hu Jintao.

Visit the following web pages to find information on the 16th National Congress held in November 2002:

http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/zhuanti/Zhuanti_251.shtml

<http://www.china.org.cn/english/features/44506.htm>





A test for you

What kind of flag is the one on the right?

The flag of the Communist Party of China.



What is the symbol on the flag and what does it mean?

The golden symbol on the flag is the CPC emblem. The sickle and hammer signify farmers and workers.

What is the name of the official journal of the Communist Party of China?

"Qiu Shi" (Seeking Truth).

Look up the following web pages to answer the questions.

[http://service.china.org.cn/link/wcm/Show_Text?
info_id=49109&p_qry=constitution%20and%20of%20
and%20the%20and%20CPC#12](http://service.china.org.cn/link/wcm/Show_Text?info_id=49109&p_qry=constitution%20and%20of%20and%20the%20and%20CPC#12)

<http://www.qsjournal.com.cn/>



The system of multi-party cooperation and political consultation

China comprises many nationalities and many parties. Multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the CPC is a basic part of its political system. In this system, the CPC is the only party in power while eight other political parties accept the leadership of the CPC and participate in the discussion and management of state affairs in cooperation with the CPC.

Under the leadership of the CPC, all parties, mass organizations and representatives from all walks of life take part in discussions of the country's basic policies and important political, economic, cultural and social issues before decisions are made. Implementation of the decisions is also a major concern.

Cooperative relations between the CPC and other political parties are based on the principle of "long-term coexistence and mutual supervision, treating each other with full sincerity and sharing weal or woe."

Political consultation takes the organizational form of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC). It was first established in September 1949. The CPPCC is an organization of the united front with wide representation. It is an important organ of multi-party cooperation and political consultation under the leadership of the CPC. It is composed of the CPC, other political parties, mass organizations, and representative public figures from all walks of life. Representatives of compatriots of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao as well as of returned overseas Chinese and other specially invited people are also included.

Source: <http://www.china.org.cn/english/29034.htm>



From the following web pages, find the names of the eight political parties other than the CPC which play a part in the system of multi-party cooperation and political consultation:

<http://www.qsjournal.com.cn/>

China Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang

China Democratic League

China Democratic National Construction Association

China Association for the Promotion of Democracy

Chinese Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party

China Zhi Gong Dang

Jiusan Society

Taiwan Democratic Self-government League