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Dear friends and colleagues,

Happy Fourth Plenum! Just the calendar this week as I have been busy with meetings in Beijing.

So far we have fourteen people signed up to attend the CPW dinner this Thursday, October 23. It looks to be a good mix of diplomats, economists, consultants and academics. **If you have not contacted me, but are interested in attending, please tell me by COB Monday.** Dinner will most probably be at 7:30 pm at 老街兔 on the corner of Dongzhimenwai and Shizipo St. Once I have the final list of attendees I will make a reservation and confirm the details with those that have signed up.

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PBSC Week in Review

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| Xi Jinping | Oct 17 | Xi sent instructions to a conference on poverty relief. |
| | Oct 15 | Xi chaired a symposium on literature and art work.
Xi accepted to credentials of nine new ambassadors in Beijing. |
| | Oct 14 | Xi met with Kim Moo-sung, chairman of South Korea's ruling New Frontier Party. |
| | Oct 13 | Xi chaired a Politburo Study Session.
<i>The Politburo held its 18th study session since Xi Jinping took the reins as General Secretary in November 2012. The session invited back Professor Bu Xianqun, a historian specializing in the Han Dynasty. Bu first addressed the Politburo at its fifth study session in April 2013.</i>
<i>At the session, Xi said that "answers to China's issues must be found in our own land", and encouraged officials to draw on China's historical approaches to governance for guidance.</i>
<i>Xi's political philosophy is very conservative. Looks like he is setting the tone for the</i> |

4th Plenum. Definitely more “rule by law” than “rule of law”.

Li Keqiang	Oct 18	Li left Italy and returned to Beijing.
	Oct 17	Li met with Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong.
		Li met with Finnish Prime Minister Alexander Stubb.
		Li met with Latvian President Andris Berzins.
	Oct 16	Li attended and spoke at the 10th Europe Asia Meeting Summit.
		Li met with French president Francois Hollande.
		Li met with South Korean President Park Geun-hye.
		Li met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.
		Li met with Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chanocha.
		Li spoke at the fifth conference of the China-Italy Innovation Week program.
Li met with Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras.		
Oct 15	Li held talks with President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso in Milan, Italy.	
	Li gave a speech at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters in Rome, Italy.	
	Li met with Director General of the UN FAO José Graziano da Silva.	
	Li met with Italian Senate President Piero Grasso.	
Oct 14	Li met with Italian Lower House President Laura Boldrini.	
	Li met with Russian President Vladimir Putin.	
	Li held talks with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.	
	Li attended a meeting of the Chinese-Italian Committee of Entrepreneurs.	
	Li held a joint press conference with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.	
	Li met with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano.	

		Li flew from Moscow, Russia to Rome, Italy.
	Oct 13	Li held talks with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. 19th China-Russia Prime Ministers' Regular Meeting. Around 40 agreements signed.
		Li held a joint press conference with Dmitry Medvedev.
		Li laid flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow.
		Li met with Sergei Naryshkin, chairman of the Russian State Duma.
		Li met with with Valentina Matviyenko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council.
Zhang Dejiang	Oct 17	Zhang chaired an NPC Chairmen's Meeting. <i>Decided that next NPC Standing Committee meeting will be from October 27 through November 1.</i>
		Zhang attended a conference to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Regional Autonomy Law.
	Oct 14	Zhang met with Micronesian Vice President Alik Alik.
Yu Zhengsheng	Oct 17	Yu sent a letter to the World Fellowship of Buddhists' (WFB's) 27th general conference held in Baoji, Shaanxi.
Liu Yunshan	Oct 17	Liu attended a summary meeting of central inspection groups sent out during the Mass Line Education Campaign.
	Oct 15	Attended symposium on literature and art work.
Wang Qishan		
Zhang Gaoli		

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