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Dear friends and colleagues,

Just back from vacation, so limited commentary this week. Between the Liaoning People's Congress scandal and the sacking of Tianjin Mayor Huang Xingguo, it's been a pretty exciting week in Chinese politics. No doubt more excitement to come in the long run up to the 19th Party Congress next year. The anti-corruption campaign is clearly still going strong, and I expect we will see a few more tigers nabbed in the next year...

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PBSC Week in Review

Xi Jinping

Party General Secretary; PRC President; Chairman of Central Military Commission

Sept 14

Xi met with Secretary of the Russian Security Council Nikolai Patrushev.

Xi accepted the credentials of 11 ambassadors to China.

Greece, Guyana, Belarus, Gambia, Estonia, Colombia, Mozambique, Mongolia, Sweden, Brazil, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Sept 13

Xi met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

Xi conferred flags to joint logistics units as the Central Military Commission established a joint logistics support force.

Xi held talks with Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.

Sept 10

Xi sent a letter of congratulations to the opening of the China-U.S. Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University.

Sept 9

Xi met with Russian Federation Council chief Valentina Matviyenko.

Xi inspected Beijing Bayi School ahead of National Teacher's Day.

Xi attended Beijing Bayi School for elementary and junior high school.

Sept 8

Xi appointed and dismissed ambassadors.

- Sept 5 *France, Cyprus, Gambia.*
Xi met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi met with British Prime Minister Theresa May in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi met with Spanish Prime Minister Marian Rajoy in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi met with South Korean President Park Geun-Hye in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi met with French President Francois Hollande in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi held a press conference with foreign journalists in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Xi attended and spoke at the closing ceremony of the G20 meeting in Hangzhou, Zhejiang.
Full text of his speech (in Chinese).

Li Keqiang
Premier

- Sept 18 **Li attended a State Council ceremony where he took an oath to uphold the Constitution.**
First time. Follows from new law passed last July. Also attended by all vice premiers, state councilors and ministers.
Li left Beijing for New York.
Going to attend UN General Assembly, then will make official visits to Canada and Cuba.
- Sept 14 **Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council.**
Meeting promoted "Internet Plus government service" and encouraging more use of prefabricated buildings in urban construction.
Li attended and spoke at a meeting of the International Organization for Standardization general assembly.
Li met with Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.
- Sept 11 **Li and Estonian Premier Taavi Roivas exchanged congratulatory messages on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.**
- Sept 10 **Li sent a congratulatory message to Kazakhstan's newly appointed Prime Minister Bakytzhan Sagintayev.**
- Sept 9 **Li returned to Beijing.**
Li visited a Chinese-language school in Vientiane, Laos.

- Sept 8** **Li and Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith held talks in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Li met with General Secretary of the LPRP Central Committee and President Bounnhang Vorachith in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Li attended and spoke at the East Asia Summit in Vientiane, Laos.**
Full text of his speech (in Chinese).
- Li met with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Li met with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Li met with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Sept 7** **Li attended and spoke at the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Summit in Vientiane, Laos.**
Full text of his speech (in Chinese).
- Li attended and spoke at a ceremony to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relations in Vientiane, Laos.**
Full text of his speech (in Chinese).
- Li met with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Li met with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Sept 6** **Li traveled to Laos.**
- Li met with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in Vientiane, Laos.**
- Sept 5** **Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council.**
The meeting decided to take measures to improve weak links, including poverty alleviation, infrastructure work, urban flood prevention, and boost new growth engines to achieve a more balanced and effective development.

Zhang Dejiang
*Chair of the
National People's
Congress*

- Sept 14** **Zhang met with Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.**
- Sept 13** **Zhang chaired a meeting of NPC chairpersons.**
The meeting expelled 54 NPC delegates from Liaoning Province due to election fraud.
- Sept 12** **Zhang met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc.**
- Sept 9** **Zhang held talks with Russian Federation Council Chair Valentina Matviyenko.**

Yu Zhengsheng <i>Chair of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference</i>	Sept 18	Yu met with a delegation of county and city officials from Taiwan. <i>Said "we will never tolerate secessionist activities in any form, neither radical Taiwan independence nor independence in a gradual or soft way".</i>
	Sept 8	Yu chaired a biweekly consultation session of the CPPCC.
	Sept 7	Yu spoke at a seminar for provincial officials on the united front work and religious affairs.
	Sept 5-6	Yu made an inspection tour in Tianjin. <i>Yu visited a law firm, several companies, Xinjiang students who study in Tianjin, and a local mosque.</i>

Liu Yunshan <i>Head of Party Secretariat; Head of Propaganda</i>	Sept 18	Liu attended an event marking National Science Popularization Day.
	Sept 10-11	Liu attended and spoke at a symposium on the Party committee central study system in Changchun, Jilin.

Wang Qishan
Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection

Zhang Gaoli <i>Executive Vice Premier</i>	Sept 18	Attended State Council ceremony to swear oath to uphold the Constitution.
	Sept 13	Zhang attended a meeting on advancing the Belt and Road Initiative.
	Sept 11	Zhang spoke at the opening ceremony of the China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, Guangxi. <i>Full text of his speech (in Chinese).</i> Zhang met with leaders attending the China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, Guangxi.
	Sept 9	Zhang attended and spoke at a meeting with the country's senior officials on supply-side reform.

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