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Dear friends and colleagues,

It's been a rather brutal week in Beijing. Debilitating bronchitis and interminable internet issues have kept this from being a very productive week, so limited commentary in this edition.

Thanks to those who have expressed interest in attending a CPW on the business environment. I'm still trying to get my ducks in a row, but if it happens it will be on Tuesday, April 14. Anyone interested in attending who has not done so already should do so now.

There are still a few places left at the CPW Diplomats Dinner on Wednesday, April 8. If anybody would like to join, please get in touch.

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## PBSC Week in Review

Xi Jinping	Mar 29	Xi met with representatives from Chinese and foreign companies attended the Boao Forum.
		Xi met with members of the Boao Forum for Asia board of directors.
	Mar 28	Xi gave the keynote address at the opening of the Boao Forum for Asia. <i>Full text of the speech in English is <a href="#">here</a>.</i>
		Xi met with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven.
		Xi met with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte.
		Xi met with Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
		Xi met with Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav.
	Mar 27	Xi met with Prime Minister of Malaysia Najib Razak.

**Xi met with Premier of Kazakhstan Karim Masimov.**

**Xi held talks with Austrian President Heinz Fischer.**

**Mar 26 Xi held talks with Indonesian President Joko Widodo.**

**Xi held talks with Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena.**

**Mar 25 Xi held talks with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.**

**Mar 24 Xi chaired a Politburo meeting.**

*Meeting adopted the idea of "greenization", and said that henceforth, conservation culture should be considered in all aspects of government work-economic, political, social and cultural.*

**Xi chaired a Politburo study session on deepening reform of the judicial system.**

*Talk was given by Jilin CASS's Huang Wenyi, one of China's top experts in comparative law.*

**Mar 23 Xi sent a message of condolences to Singapore's President Tony Tan Keng Yam over the death of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.**

**Li Keqiang**

**Mar 27 Li met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo and attended the China-Indonesia Economic Cooperation Forum with him.**

**Mar 26 Li met with Austrian President Heinz Fischer.**

**Li met with Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena.**

**Li met with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.**

**Li sent congratulations to a ceremony promoting tourism between China and Central and Eastern European countries in Budapest, Hungary.**

**Mar 25 Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council.**

*Meeting laid out State Council's legislation work for the coming year; also discussed accelerating the Made in China 2025 strategy; listened to report on merger of state train makers China CNR and CSR Corp.*

**Mar 24 Attended Politburo meeting.**

**Mar 23 Li met with foreign attendees of the China Development Forum.**

*"We will continue to expand market access, open the service sector wider, and strengthen intellectual property rights protection to create a stable and transparent policy environment; an efficient and normative administrative environment; and a fair market environment for foreign corporations," Li said.*

<p>Li met with head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Christine Lagarde.</p> <p>Li met with president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Takehiko Nakao.</p> <p>Li sent a message of condolences to Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong over the death of Lee Kuan Yew.</p>		
Zhang Dejiang	Mar 27	Zhang met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo.
		Zhang met with Austrian President Heinz Fischer.
	Mar 26	Zhang met with Sri Lanka President Maithripala Sirisena.
		Zhang met with Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan.
	Mar 25	Zhang chaired an NPC Standing Committee meeting to review implementation of the Vocational Education Law.
		Zhang attended a symposium commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of former NPC Standing Committee Vice Chairman Peng Chong.
	Mar 24	Attended Politburo meeting.
		Zhang held talks with president of Thailand's National Legislative Assembly, Pornpetch Wichitcholchai.
	Mar 23	Zhang held talks with Elias Castillo, president of the Latin American Parliament.
Yu Zhengsheng		Zhang sent a message of condolences to Speaker Halimah Yacob of the Parliament of Singapore over the death of Lee Kuan Yew.
	Mar 25-27	Yu went on inspection tour to Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan.
	Mar 24	Attended Politburo meeting.
	Mar 23	Yu met with a Japanese delegation was led by Sadakazu Tanigaki, secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party, and Yoshihisa Inoue, secretary general of the Komei Party.
<p>Yu chaired a biweekly CPPCC symposium.</p> <p><i>Discussed possible revisions to the Law on the Application of Scientific and Technological Achievements.</i></p>		
Liu Yunshan	Mar 24	Attended Politburo meeting.

Wang Qishan	Mar 25	Wang met with Oleg Plokhoi, head of the anti-corruption department of Russia's presidential executive office.
	Mar 24	Attended Politburo meeting.
Zhang Gaoli	Mar 26-27	Zhang went on tour to Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei to inspect progress on integration of the three regions.
	Mar 25	Zhang went to the Singaporean embassy in Beijing to express his condolences on the passing of Lee Kuan Yew.
	Mar 24	Attended Politburo meeting.
	Mar 23	Zhang sent a message of condolences to Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean on the death of Lee Kuan Yew.

#### About CPW

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