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Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope everybody is enjoying the *lianghui*. A busy week for me, so no commentary. Schedule of your favorite seven below as always.

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## PBSC Week in Review

### Xi Jinping

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

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| Mar 12 | <b>Xi joined a panel discussion with NPC delegates from the PLA.</b><br><i>Stressed need for better civil-military integration and more technological innovation.</i>  |
|        | <b>Xi attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.</b>   |
| Mar 11 | <b>Xi attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.</b>  |
| Mar 10 | <b>Xi joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.</b><br><i>Xi said that a "great wall of iron" should be fortified to safeguard national unity, ethnic solidarity and social stability.</i>   |
| Mar 8  | <b>Xi joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Sichuan Province.</b><br><br><b>Xi attended the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.</b><br><br><b>Xi extended greetings to female lawmakers, political advisors and staff workers at the annual sessions and political advisory body, and to women compatriots of all ethnic groups and from all walks of life in China on International Women's Day.</b> |

- Mar 7** [Xi joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Liaoning Province.](#)  
*At the session, Xi said that Liaoning must depend on the real economy to realize rejuvenation, stressing the leading role of state-owned enterprises.*
- Mar 6** [Xi met with Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.](#)
- Mar 5** **Xi attended the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.**  
*Li Keqiang delivered the government work report.*

[Xi joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Shanghai.](#)

**Li Keqiang**  
*Premier*

- Mar 12** **Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.**
- Mar 11** **Li attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.**
- Mar 10** [Li joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Anhui Province.](#)  
*He stressed the major task of advancing supply-side structural reform while urging government departments to shift their focus to improving oversight and serving business.*
- Mar 9** [Li joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Shaanxi Province.](#)  
*Li called for developing high-end equipment manufacturing, information industry, modern logistics and rural e-commerce.*
- Mar 8** [Li joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.](#)  
  
**Li attended the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.**
- Mar 7** [Li joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Tibet Autonomous Region.](#)
- Mar 6** [Li joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Shandong Province.](#)
- Mar 5** **Li delivered a government work report at the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.**

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

- Mar 12** **Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.**  
  
[Zhang chaired the second meeting of the executive chairpersons of the presidium.](#)

- Mar 11**      **Zhang chaired the first meeting of executive chairpersons of the presidium.**  
*The executive chairpersons heard a report on how lawmakers thought about the government work report and what to be revised, as well as a draft resolution on the government work report.*  
*They heard a report on lawmakers' opinions about the implementation of the 2016 national economic and social development plan and the draft 2017 national economic and social development plan, as well as a draft resolution on the matter.*  
*They also heard a report on lawmakers' opinions about the implementation of the 2016 central and local budgets, and the draft 2017 central and local budgets, as well as a draft resolution on the matter.*  
*They also heard reports from the NPC Law Committee on lawmakers' opinions about the draft general provisions of the civil law, the draft decision on the quota and election of deputies to the 13<sup>th</sup> NPC, and the draft methods for electing deputies to the 13<sup>th</sup> NPC from Hong Kong and Macao.*  
*The documents were submitted to the second meeting of the presidium.*
- Mar 11**      **Zhang attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.**
- Mar 10**      **Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.**  
*He said that lawmakers should accomplish the mission of formulating the general provisions of the civil law to lay a solid foundation for a civil code with Chinese characteristics.*
- Mar 9**      **Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Jiangsu Province.**  
*Zhang said people's congresses at various levels should implement the decisions made by the CCP Central Committee to ensure the effective state governance under the Party's leadership.*
- Mar 8**      **Zhang delivered the NPC Standing Committee work report at the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.**  
  
**Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Heilongjiang Province.**
- Mar 6**      **Zhang joined separate panel discussions with deputies from Hong Kong and Macau.**
- Mar 5**      **Zhang chaired the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.**  
  
**Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Zhejiang.**

**Yu Zhengsheng**  
Chair of the

**Mar 12**      **Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.**

Chinese People's

Political  
Consultative  
Conference

- Mar 11** **Yu chaired a plenary meeting of the CPPCC Standing Committee.**  
**Yu attended the fourth plenary meeting of the CPPCC annual session.**  
*The session pooled wisdom for religious belief, cross-Straits relations, food safety, financial governance, judicial reform and united front work, among other topics.*  
**Yu attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.**
- Mar 10** **Yu attended the third plenary meeting of the CPPCC annual session.**  
*At the session, political advisors raised suggestions for the nation's social and cultural development. Fourteen CPPCC National Committee members addressed the meeting.*
- Mar 9** **Yu attended the second plenary meeting of the CPPCC annual session.**  
*The session offered suggestions for the nation's economic progress and ecological preservation. Fourteen CPPCC National Committee members addressed the meeting.*  
**Yu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Guizhou Province.**  
*Yu urged the province to continue optimizing the environment for developing private businesses, invigorating the private economy, and supporting private business' efforts to speed up transformation and upgrading.*
- Mar 8** **Yu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Hainan Province.**  
**Yu attended the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.**
- Mar 7** **Yu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Taiwan.**  
*Yu said that cross-Straits relations face "grimmer and more complicated conditions this year."*
- Mar 6** **Yu joined political advisors from the China Democratic League and personages without party affiliations in a panel discussion.**  
*Yu called on them to conduct research and raise suggestions on major economic and social issues, and perform their duties in democratic supervision.*
- Mar 5** **Yu attended the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.**  
**Yu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Hubei Province.**
- Mar 12** **Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.**

**Liu Yunshan**  
Head of Party

Secretariat; Head  
of Propaganda

- Mar 11** Liu attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.
- Mar 10** [Liu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Jilin Province.](#)  
*He stressed preparations and publicity for the 19<sup>th</sup> Party Congress.*
- Mar 8** [Liu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Shanxi Province.](#)
- Liu attended the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.
- Mar 7** [Liu joined a panel discussion with deputies from Guangdong Province.](#)  
*He stressed that it is imperative to conform to the CCP Central Committee with Xi as the core in thought and deed, and said Guangdong should follow the main theme of 'maintaining stability while seeking progress' to improve the quality and efficiency of economic growth and maintain economic and social stability.*
- Mar 5** Liu attended the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.
- [Liu joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Inner Mongolia.](#)

**Wang Qishan**  
Secretary of the  
Central  
Commission for  
Discipline  
Inspection

- Mar 12** Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.
- Mar 11** Wang attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.
- Mar 10** [Wang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Gansu Province.](#)  
*He called on senior officials to play exemplary roles in spearheading the country's current drive to comprehensively build a moderately prosperous society.*
- Mar 9** [Wang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Yunnan Province.](#)  
*Wang called for advancing the anti-corruption campaign.*
- Mar 8** Wang attended the second plenary meeting of the NPC annual session.
- Mar 7** [Wang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Hunan Province.](#)  
*Wang stressed the need to uphold the Party's leadership and strengthen Party discipline.*
- Mar 6** [Wang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Qinghai Province.](#)  
*Wang stressed the importance of confidence in Chinese culture, hoping Qinghai will protect the rivers that have fostered Chinese civilization.*

	Mar 5	<p>Wang attended the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.</p> <p>Wang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Beijing.</p>
<b>Zhang Gaoli</b> <i>Executive Vice Premier</i>	Mar 12	<p>Attended a plenary session of the NPC and listened to the work reports of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate.</p>
	Mar 11	<p>Zhang attended a gathering with the ethnic minority deputies to the NPC and ethnic minority members of the CPPCC.</p>
	Mar 10	<p>Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Fujian Province.</p> <p><i>He urged the province to actively take part in China's major development strategies and called for efforts in revitalizing the real economy, developing advanced manufacturing and stepping up industrial optimization and upgrading.</i></p>
	Mar 9	<p>Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Chongqing Municipality.</p> <p><i>Zhang highlighted the city's role as a strategic pivot in China's "Go West" strategy and asked the municipal government to actively fit into the Belt and Road Initiative and the Yangtze River Economic Belt.</i></p>
	Mar 8	<p>Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Hebei Province.</p> <p><i>The panel discussion focused on Jing-Jin-Ji integration.</i></p> <p>Zhang attended the second plenary session of the NPC annual session.</p>
	Mar 6	<p>Zhang joined a panel discussion with NPC deputies from Tianjin Municipality.</p> <p><i>Zhang called for pursuing economic development of a higher quality, more efficient, more equitable and more sustainable. He expressed hope that Tianjin would promote the coordinated development of the Jing-Jin-Ji region.</i></p>
	Mar 5	<p>Zhang attended the opening meeting of the NPC annual session.</p>

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