

Guo Shengkun 郭声琨

Born 1954



Current Positions

- State Councilor of the State Council (2013–present)
- Minister and Party Secretary of the Ministry of Public Security (2012–present)
- Deputy Party Secretary of Central Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CCP Central Committee (2013–present)
- First Political Commissar of the People’s Armed Police Force and Chief Police Officer (2013–present)
- Full member of the Central Committee of the CCP (2012–present)

Personal and Professional Background

Guo Shengkun was born in October 1954 in Xingguo County, Jiangxi Province. He joined the CCP in 1974. He was a “sent-down youth” at an agricultural commune in Xingguo County, Jiangxi Province (1973–77).ⁱ He received an undergraduate education in mineral processing from the Jiangxi Institute of Metallurgy in Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province (1977–79).ⁱⁱ He also holds a master’s degree in management engineering from the Management Engineering Department at Central South University of Technology in Changsha City, Hunan Province (via part-time studies, 1994–96),ⁱⁱⁱ and a doctoral degree in Management Science and Engineering from the University of Science and Technology Beijing (via part-time studies, 2003–2007).

He began his career as a technician and then served as section chief, party secretary, and superintendent of the Machinery Department of the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry (1979–85). He later worked as head of the Huamei’ao Mine of the China National Nonferrous Metals Industry Corporation (1985–92), head of the Guixi Silver Mine (1992–93), head of the Nanchang Branch of the China National Nonferrous Metals Industry Corporation, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province (1993–97), deputy general manager of the China National Nonferrous Metals Industry Corporation (1997–98), then deputy director of the Ministry of Nonferrous Metals (1999–2000) and general manager of the Aluminum Corporation of China (CHALCO) (2001–04).

He served as deputy party secretary and vice governor of Guangxi (Zhuang) Autonomous Region (AR) (2004–07). He was promoted to party secretary of Guangxi (Zhuang) AR (2007–12) and Chairman of the Guanxi (Zhuang) AR People’s Congress (2008–12). He was first elected to the Central Committee as an alternate member at the 16th Party Congress in 2002.

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Notes:

ⁱ “Sent-down youth” (插队知青) refers to young, educated urbanites who left their home cities to serve as manual laborers in the countryside during the Cultural Revolution.

ⁱⁱ It was called Jiangxi University of Science and Technology until 2004 and now is known as the Southern Institute of Metallurgy.

ⁱⁱⁱ It is now called Central South University.