

**YU Qiuli**

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Yu Qiuli has been a member of the CCP Politburo since August 1977 and a member of the Secretariat since February 1980. Although he has been primarily an economic administrator since the late 1950s, he was appointed head of the General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in September 1982. He became a deputy secretary general of the party's Military Commission in December 1982. In June 1983 he became a member of the newly established Central Military Commission, a state body.

A native of Jiangxi Province, Yu joined the CCP and the PLA in 1931. He participated in the Long March (1934-35) and distinguished himself in battle during the Chinese civil war (1945-49). Despite the loss of his left arm because of a war wound, he remained in the PLA. By 1952 he had become director of the Logistics Department of the Southwest Military Region. He held that post at least until 1954, when he became head of the Political Department of the Lanzhou Military Region. In 1956 he became director of the PLA Finance Department. He was named a political commissar in the PLA's General Logistics Department in 1957. He left the PLA in 1958 to become Minister of Petroleum. Unlike other top officials, Yu survived criticism during the Cultural Revolution (1966-69). As Minister in Charge of the State Planning Commission from 1972 until 1980, he was the principal architect of economic plans that stressed the development of capital-intensive and heavy industry. He was a vice premier from January 1975 until May 1982, when his position was abolished during a reorganization of the State Council. He was concurrently Minister in Charge of the State Energy Commission from August 1980 until it was abolished in March 1982.

Yu, who is about 69, is married and has at least three children.

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