

Table 1:
Party Congresses and Central Committee Plenums, 2002–Present

<i>Event and Date</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Notes</i>
16th CCP Congress 8–14 November 2002	Jiang Zemin report on work of 15 th Central Committee; amended CCP constitution; elected 16 th Central Committee & CDIC.	
16th CC First Plenum 15 November 2002	Elected Politburo and its Standing Committee, CMC, and Secretariat; appointed Hu Jintao CCP general secretary, Jiang Zemin Party CMC chairman, and Wu Guanzheng CDIC secretary.	(Source: “Press Communiqué,” Xinhua, 15 November 2002.)
16th CC Second Plenum 24–26 February 2003	Approved list of Politburo nominees for state leaders for 10 th NPC and 10 th CPPCC; adopted “Opinions” on administrative reform and proposal for State Council reform; Hu Jintao speech.	(Source: “Press Communiqué,” Xinhua, 26 February 2003.)
16th CC Third Plenum 11–14 October 2003	Approved Hu Jintao report on work of Politburo; approved 42-point “Decision” on economic reform issues; approved proposal on PRC constitution revision; Hu Jintao speech.	(Source: “Press Communiqué,” Xinhua, 14 October 2003.)
16th CC Fourth Plenum 16–19 Sept. 2004	Approved Hu Jintao report on work of Politburo; adopted “Decision” on improving CCP’s “governing capacity”; accepted Jiang Zemin resignation & appointed Hu Jintao as Party CMC chairman; adjusted CMC membership.	(Source: “Press Communiqué,” Xinhua, 19 September 2004.) <u>CMC adjustments</u> : promoted Xu Caihou as CMC vice chairman; added GAD Director Chen Bingde, Air Force Co. Qiao Qingchen, Navy Co. Zhang Dingfa, & 2 nd Artillery Corp Co. Jing Zhiyuan as members.
16th CC Fifth Plenum 8–11 October 2005	Hu Jintao report on work of Politburo; adopted “CC Proposals on Drawing up the 11 th Five-Year Program for National Economic and Social Development”; Wen Jiabao “explanations” on the draft proposals.	(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 11 October 2005.)
16th CC Sixth Plenum 8–11 October 2006	Hu Jintao report on the work of the Politburo; Hu “important speech”; adopted “Decision” on building a “socialist harmonious society.”	(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 11 October 2006.)

<p>16th CC Seventh Plenum 9–12 October 2007</p>	<p>Hu Jintao report on work of the Politburo; adopted CC work report to be delivered to the 17th Congress and amendment to the CCP constitution; set congress to open on 15 October. Promoted 4 alternates to full CC membership; adopted CDIC recommendations regarding Chen Liangyu and Du Shicheng.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 12 October 2007.)</p>
<p>17th CCP Congress 15–21 October 2007</p>	<p>Hu Jintao report on work of CC; amended CCP constitution; elected 17th CC and CDIC.</p>	
<p>17th CC First Plenum 22 October 2007</p>	<p>Elected Politburo and its Standing Committee, Party CMC, and Secretariat; appointed Hu Jintao CCP general secretary and Party CMC chairman and He Guoqiang CDIC secretary.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 22 October 2007.)</p>
<p>17th CC Second Plenum 25–27 February 2007</p>	<p>Hu Jintao speech; approved Politburo lists of candidates for state and CPPCC organs to submit to upcoming NPC and CPPCC meetings. Approved draft plans for administrative reform and for State Council restructuring.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 27 February 2008.)</p>
<p>17th CC Third Plenum 9–12 October 2008</p>	<p>Hu Jintao speech; Hu report on work of the Politburo. Adopted “CC Decision on Several Important Issues in Pushing Forward Rural Reform and Development.” Promoted one alternate to full membership; approved CDIC recommendation to remove You Yujun from CC and two-year period of observation.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 12 October 2008.)</p>
<p>17th CC Fourth Plenum 15-18 September 2009</p>	<p>Hu Jintao speech; Hu report on work of the Politburo. Adopted CC “Decision on Major Issues on Strengthening and Improving Party-Building in the New Circumstances”; explanation by Xi Jinping. No leadership changes.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 18 September 2009)</p>
<p>17th CC Fifth Plenum 15-18 October 2010</p>	<p>Hu Jintao speech; Hu report on work of the Politburo. Adopted CC “Proposal” for formulating the 12th Five Year Plan (2011-2015); explanation by Wen Jiabao.</p>	<p>(Source: “Communiqué,” Xinhua, 18 October 2008.)</p>

Appointed Xi Jinping as CMC vice chairman; promoted one CC alternate to full member; expelled Kang Rixin for corruption.

Table 2:
Publicized Meetings of the 16th & 17th Central Committee Politburos

16th CC Politburo

<i>Date</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Notes</i>
16 November 2002 (Saturday)	Launched campaign to study Jiang Zemin's Central Committee work report to the 16th Party Congress; deliberated division of Politburo labor.	(Source: Xinhua, 16 November 2002.) First in the series of publicized 16 th CC Politburo meetings; resumed November 1987–August 1989 practice of reporting meetings on contemporaneous basis.
2 December 2002 (Monday)	Discussed economic situation in preparation for annual national conference on 2003 economic work; adopted work rules for 16th Politburo.	(Source: Xinhua, 2 December 2002.)
26 December 2002 (Thursday)	Agriculture and rural issues in preparation for annual national conference on 2003 rural work.	(Source: Xinhua, 26 December 2002.)
28 January 2003 (Tuesday)	Discussed Central Discipline Inspection Commission report on 2003 work in combating corruption.	(Source: Xinhua, 28 January 2003.)
21 February 2003 (Friday)	Set date for 16th Central Committee's second plenum; discussed "Opinion on Deepening Administrative and Institutional Reform"; discussed slate of state leaders to be adopted and State Council work report to be approved at second plenum and presented to the 10th National People's Congress.	(Source: Xinhua, 21 February 2003.)
28 March 2003 (Friday)	Discussed and approved for implementation a document on news reporting on leadership meetings and activities and regulations on foreign travel by Politburo members.	(Source: Xinhua, 28 March 2003.)
28 April 2003 (Monday)	Launched new campaign to study the "three represents"; discussed balancing priority of economic work and defeating SARS.	(Source: Xinhua, 28 April 2003.)

23 May 2003 (Friday)	Discussed arrangements for improving personnel work and employing people of talent; approved compilation of “Program” for studying the “three represents”; discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 May 2003.)
21 July 2003 (Monday)	Summed up progress and stressed continuing priority and tasks in economic work and suppressing SARS; discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 July 2003.)
11 August 2003 (Monday)	Scheduled Central Committee’s third plenum for October; set plenum agenda of hearing Politburo work report, decision on economic reform, and proposing revisions of PRC constitution; “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 11 August 2003.)
29 September 2003 (Monday)	Scheduled Central Committee’s third plenum for 11–14 October; discussed Politburo’s work since the 16 th Party Congress in preparation for report to plenum; discussed draft “decision” on economic reform and draft proposal on PRC constitutional revision; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 September 2003.)
24 November 2003 (Monday)	Assessed economic situation and 2003 economic work; discussed cultivating talent; set central conference on 2003 economic work and national conference on cultivating talent; discussed “other topics.”	(Source: Xinhua, 24 November 2003.) 27 September 2004 Xinhua report on drafting Fourth Plenum “Decision” on improving CCP’s governing capacity says this meeting put its adoption on the Fourth Plenum agenda & set up drafting group under Zeng Qinghong & He Guoqiang.
23 December 2003 (Tuesday)	Reviewed CDIC report on corruption and two trial regulations on Party discipline; set date for CDIC third plenum; discussed “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 December 2003.)

23 February 2004 (Monday)	Discussed draft State Council work report for upcoming NPC session and revision of CPPCC charter; “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 February 2004.)
29 March 2004 (Monday)	Discussed “three rural” issues and grain price system; cadre management issues; “looked into other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 March 2004.)
26 April 2004 (Monday)	Discussed economic situation and macro-control issues.	(Source: Xinhua, 26 April 2004.)
28 May 2004 (Friday)	Discussed improving village democracy; “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 May 2004.)
29 June 2004 (Tuesday)	Discussed Party recruitment and “purification” issues; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 June 2005.)
23 July 2004 (Friday)	Discussed Fourth Plenum schedule, agenda; called for continued macro-economic control effort; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 July 2004.) 27 September 2004 Xinhua report says this meeting also reviewed draft “Decision” on CCP’s governing capacity adopted at Fourth Plenum.
7 September 2004 (Tuesday)	Reviewed PB work since Third Plenum; studied building CCP’s governing capacity; set Fourth Plenum for 16–19 September and reviewed draft “Decision” on CCP’s governing capacity; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 7 September 2004.)
21 October 2004 (Thursday)	Decided to launch an all-Party education drive on CCP’s “advanced nature,” to begin January 2005; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 October 2004.)
1 December 2004 (Wednesday)	Assessed current economy and planned 2005 economic work in preparation for central economic conference.	(Source: Xinhua, 1 December 2004.)
27 December 2004 (Monday)	Reviewed CDIC 2004 work report; scheduled CDIC Fifth Plenum for January 2005; discussed draft “Program” for corruption prevention and punishment; studied “several other things.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 December 2004.)

24 January 2005 (Monday)	Reviewed draft “Opinions” on strengthening CCP consultation with other parties and authorized its circulation for comment; discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 24 January 2005.)
21 February 2005 (Monday)	Reviewed draft of State Council work report for upcoming NPC session; “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 February 2005.)
15 April 2005 (Friday)	Reviewed the participation of the Politburo Standing Committee in the ongoing education campaign on the Party’s “advanced nature.” Also “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 15 April 2005.)
31 May 2005 (Tuesday)	Assessed Party work and economic development in ethnic minority areas.	(Source: Xinhua, 31 May 2005.)
27 June 2005 (Monday)	Discussed issues regarding long-term development of science and technology in China; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 June 2005.)
25 July 2005 (Monday)	Scheduled the 16 th Central Committee’s Fifth Plenum for October and set as its agenda guidelines for the 11 th Five-Year Plan; reviewed the current economic situation and economic work; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 25 July 2005. Supplementary articles: <i>Xuexi Shibao</i> , 1 August 2005; <i>Liaowang Dongfang Zhoukan</i> , 4 August 2005.)
26 August 2005 (Friday)	Assessed development in Tibet; “looked into other matters.”	Eve of the 40 th anniversary of the founding of the Tibet Autonomous Region. (Source: Xinhua, 26 August 2005.)
29 September 2005 (Thursday)	Set the 16 th Central Committee’s Fifth Plenum to meet 8–11 October; reviewed the “draft proposals” for the 11 th Five-Year Plan; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 September 2005.)
25 November 2005 (Friday)	Reviewed the current economic situation and economic work for 2006; decided to convene the annual national conference on economic work “in the near future.” Assessed reforms in the cultural sector. Also “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 25 November 2005.)

20 December 2005 (Tuesday)	Discussed building “new socialist rural areas” and anti-corruption tasks in 2006. Decided to convene the annual national conference on rural work “in the near future.”	(Source: Xinhua, 20 December 2005)
25 January 2006 (Wednesday)	Studied improving the work of the CPPCC; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 25 January 2006.)
21 February 2006 (Tuesday)	Approved draft State Council work report and draft outline of the 11 th Five-Year Plan for economic and social development; “discussed other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 February 2006.)
27 March 2006 (Monday)	Discussed development of China’s central provinces; “looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 March 2006.)
26 May 2006 (Friday)	Discussed reform of income distribution.	(Source: Xinhua, 26 May 2006.)
29 June 2006 (Thursday)	Summed up education in the “three represents” begun with January 2005 “Decision”; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 June 2006.)
24 July 2006 (Monday)	Scheduled the Sixth Plenum for October and set agenda of studying socialist harmonious society; “discussed and studied the current economic situation and economic work”; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 24 July 2006.)
29 August 2006 (Tuesday)	Studied leading cadre rules on reporting personal affairs; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 August 2006.)
24 September 2006 (Sunday)	Reviewed CDIC report on “Comrade Chen Liangyu’s problems,” removed him as Shanghai party chief, “suspended” his Politburo membership, and appointed Han Zheng as acting party secretary.	(Source: Xinhua, 25 September 2006.)

25 September 2006 (Monday)	Summed up work of the Politburo since the Fifth Plenum; studied the issue of building socialist harmonious society and “other issues”; scheduled the Sixth Plenum for 8–11 October.	(Source: Xinhua, 26 September 2006.)
23 October 2006 (Thursday)	Studied the “2006–2010 Program for Education and Training of Cadres”; “discussed other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 October 2006.)
30 November 2006 (Friday)	Reviewed the current economy and economic work for 2007; discussed population and family planning work; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 30 November 2006.)
25 December 2006 (Monday)	Reviewed CDIC’s 2006 work report and reviewed anti-corruption work; “studied some other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 25 December 2006.)
23 January 2007 (Tuesday)	Reviewed planning for financial reform.	(Source: Xinhua, 23 January 2007.)
15 February 2007 (Thursday)	Reviewed the draft State Council work report prepared for NPC session.	(Source: Xinhua, 15 February 2007.)
23 March 2007 (Friday)	Heard briefing on preparations for the 2008 Olympic Games; “discussed other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 March 2007.)
23 April 2007 (Monday)	Studied work on youth physical education and on “developing Web culture with Chinese characteristics.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 April 2007.)
15 June 2007 (Friday)	Reviewed early drafts of work report and Party constitution amendments to be presented to 17 th Congress.	(Sources: Xinhua report on drafting of 17 th Congress work report, 27 October 2007, Xinhua report on drafting of Party constitution amendments, 28 October 2007.)
16 June 2007 (Saturday)	Discussed building a “public culture service system”; “also deliberated on other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 16 June 2007.)
26 July 2007 (Thursday)	Expelled Chen Liangyu from offices and Party; assessed current economic situation; “studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 26 July 2007.)

28 August 2007 (Tuesday)	Reviewed preparations for and set date of Seventh Plenum for 9 October; set date for 17 th Congress opening on 15 October; reviewed CDIC work report for 17 th Congress; “discussed other items.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 August 2007.)
17 September 2007 (Monday)	Studied and approved report on work of the 16 th CC for delivery at the 17 th Congress and CCP constitutional amendments to be submitted to the Seventh Plenum; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 17 September 2007.)
28 September 2007 (Friday)	Reviewed Politburo’s work since Sixth Plenum; “discussed other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 September 2007.)
8 October 2007 (Monday)	Reviewed and approved list of nominees for leadership posts to be presented to 17 th CC First Plenum.	(Source: 23 October 2007 Xinhua report on nomination processes for new leadership.)

17th CC Politburo

<i>Date</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Notes</i>
23 October 2007 (Tuesday)	Made arrangements for Party-wide study and implementation of 17 th Congress “spirit”; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 October 2007.)
27 November 2007 (Tuesday)	Assessed current economic situation and reviewed economic work for 2008; “studied other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 November 2007.)
18 December 2007 (Tuesday)	Discussed agricultural development and rural reform; reviewed plans for promoting ethical conduct and attacking corruption in 2008; studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 18 December 2007.)

29 January 2008 (Tuesday)	Discussed disaster relief in context of ice storms in the south on eve of Spring Festival. Discussed preparations for Beijing Olympics. Discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 January 2008.)
22 February 2008 (Friday)	Scheduled Second Plenum to meet 25–27 February; reviewed State Council work report and list of nominees for state posts to be presented to the 11 th NPC; studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 22 February 2008.)
28 March 2008 (Friday)	Discussed arrangements for welfare of disabled people; “considered other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 March 2008.)
28 April 2008 (Tuesday)	Studied and made arrangements for collective forest rights reform; established corruption punishment system; planned implementation of congress delegate tenure system. Studied “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 April 2008.)
26 May 2008 (Tuesday)	Discussed arrangements for earthquake relief and reconstruction; studied “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 26 May 2008.)
27 June 2008 (Saturday)	Made plans for final stage of preparatory work for the Beijing Olympics; discussed “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 June 2008.)
25 July 2008 (Thursday)	Assessed the current economic situation and discussed economic priorities for second half of the year. Scheduled Third Plenum for October. Discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 25 July 2008.)
5 September 2008 (Friday)	Authorized three-year study campaign on the scientific development concept; discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 5 September 2008.)

28 September 2008 (Saturday)	Reviewed work of the Politburo since the 17 th Congress. Scheduled the Third Plenum for 9–12 October. Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 September 2008.)
28 November 2008 (Thursday)	Discussed current economic downturn and economic work for 2009; discussed judicial reform; discussed “other items.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 November 2008.)
26 December 2008 (Friday)	Reviewed CDIC annual report for 2008 and discussed anti-corruption work in 2009. “Considered other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 26 December 2008.)
23 January 2009 (Friday)	Heard briefing on Politburo Standing Committee democratic life session on the scientific development concept study campaign. “Examined and discussed other activities.”	(Source: Xinhua, 23 January 2009.)
23 February 2009 (Monday)	Reviewed the draft State Council work report to be delivered at the 11 th NPC second session.	(Source: Xinhua, 23 February 2009.)
22 May 2009 (Friday)	Approved the “Interim Regulations on Accountability of Party and State Leading Cadres,” regulations on Party inspection work and “Several Provisions on SOE Leaders’ Honest Performance.” “Studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 22 May 2009.)
29 June 2009 (Monday)	Approved the “Opinions on Establishing a Mechanism for Evaluating Party and State Leading Cadres That Promotes the Scientific Development Concept.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 June 2009.)
23 July 2009 (Thursday)	Scheduled the Fourth Plenum for September; set agenda as strengthening party-building. Assessed the current economic situation.	(Source: Xinhua, 23 July 2009.)

8 September 2009 (Tuesday)	Scheduled the Fourth Plenum to meet 15-18 September; revised CC decision on party-building to be presented to plenum. “Looked into other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 8 September 2009.)
27 November 2009 (Friday)	Assessed 2010 economic work plan. “Studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 27 November 2009.)
29 December 2009 (Tuesday)	Approved CDIC work report for 2009 and assessed plans for anti-corruption, party discipline work in 2010, pending January CDIC annual session. “Also studied other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 29 December 2009.)
8 January 2010 (Friday)	Assessed development and stability in Tibet. Discussed the “Outline of Medium- & Long-Term Plan for Developing Talented People, 2020-2020.” Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 8 January 2010.)
22 February 2010 (Monday)	Reviewed the draft report on State Council work to be presented to the 11 th NPC 3 rd session. Again discussed the “Outline of Medium- & Long-Term Plan for Developing Talented People, 2020-2020.” Discussed “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 22 February 2010.)
19 March 2010 (Friday)	Summed up the 2008-2010 party-wide campaign to study the scientific development concept. Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 20 March 2010.)
23 April 2010 (Friday)	Assessed development and stability in Xinjiang. Discussed regulations on leading cadres’ reporting personal matters and on managing state personnel whose spouses & children reside abroad. Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 24 April 2010.)

28 May 2010 (Friday)	Discussed western region development strategy and policies. Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 May 2010.)
21 June 2010 (Monday)	Adopted “National Medium- & Long-Term Plan on Education Reform & Development, 2010-2020.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 June 2010.)
22 July 2010 (Thursday)	Decided to hold the Fifth Plenum in October; set agenda of Hu report on work of Politburo and CC “Proposal” on 12 th Five Year Plan. Studied “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 22 July 2010.)
20 August 2010 (Friday)	Approved “Opinions on Grassroots Party Organizations Implementing Openness in Party Affairs.” Studied “other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 20 August 2010.)
28 September 2010 (Tuesday)	Scheduled the Fifth Plenum to meet 15-18 October. Reviewed Politburo work since the Fourth Plenum; reviewed and revised CC “Proposal” for 12 th Five Year Plan (2011-2015). “Considered other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 September 2010.)
3 December 2010 (Friday)	Assessed economic work for 2011. E “Examined other issues.”	(Source: Xinhua, 3 December 2010.)
28 December 2010 (Tuesday)	Reviewed CDIC report on 2010 work; reviewed work on party workstyle and anti-corruption effort; assessed anti-corruption work for 2011. “Examined other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 December 2010.)
21 February 2011 (Monday)	Approved draft report on work of the State Council and draft “Outline” of the 12 th Five Year Plan (2011-2015). Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 21 February 2011.)
28 March 2011 (Monday)	Studied management of party & state leadership cadres at city and prefecture levels. Studied “other matters.”	(Source: Xinhua, 28 March 2011.)

26 April 2011
(Tuesday)

Studied poverty relief work and the
“Outline” for rural poverty relief work.
Studied “other matters.”

(Source: Xinhua, 26 April 2011.)

30 May 2011
(Monday)

Discussed “social management.”
Considered “other matters.”

(Source: Xinhua, 30 May 2011.)

Table 3:
Publicized Study Sessions of the 16th & 17th Central Committee Politburos

16th CC Politburo

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Briefing experts</i>
26 December 2002 (Thursday)	#1: Studied PRC constitution; Hu Jintao speech on the authority of the constitution & running the country according to law.	People's University Prof. Xu Chongde & Wuhan University Prof. Zhou Yezhong. (Source: Xinhua, 26 December 2002.)
28 January 2003 (Tuesday)	#2: Studied trends in world economy; Hu Jintao speech on importance of topic for China's economy.	CASS Institute of World Economy and Politics Director Yu Yongding & CASS research fellow Jiang Xiaojuan. (Source: Xinhua, 28 January 2003.)
29 March 2003 (Saturday)	#3: Studied promoting employment; Hu Jintao speech on importance for social stability.	People's University Prof. Zeng Xiangquan & CASS Institute of Population and Labor Economics Director Cai Fang (Source: Xinhua, 29 March 2003.)
28 April 2003 (Monday)	#4: Studied trends in contemporary S&T in world & China; Hu Jintao speech on defeating SARS through S&T and by mobilizing the country.	CAS Institute of Physics Director Wang Enge; Qinghua Prof. Xue Lan; Center for Disease Prevention & Control researcher Zeng Guang. (Source: Xinhua, 29 April 2003.)
23 May 2003 (Friday)	#5: Studied trends in military development in major countries; Hu Jintao speech on China's military modernization priorities.	China Institute of Military Science researchers Qian Haihao and Fu Liqun. (Source: Xinhua, 24 May 2003.)
21 July 2003 (Monday)	#6: Studied development of Party ideology; Hu Jintao speech on importance of current study of "three represents."	Central Committee Party History Research Center researchers Zhang Qihua & Zhang Shujun. (Source: Xinhua, 22 July 2003.)

12 August 2003 (Tuesday)	#7: Studied trends in world culture and in China; Hu Jintao speech on building “socialist culture with Chinese characteristics.”	CASS Institute of Journalism researcher Zhang Ximing & Qinghua University School of Media & Broadcasting Prof. Xiong Chengyu. (Source: Xinhua, 12 August 2003.)
29 September 2003 (Monday)	#8: Studied building socialist political civilization and governing according to law; Hu Jintao speech on political reform.	Fudan University IR Professor Lin Shangli and CASS Institute of Law researcher Li Lin. (Source: Xinhua, 30 September 2003.)
24 November 2003 (Monday)	#9: Studied history of development in major countries since 15 th century; Hu Jintao speech on importance of historical knowledge in guiding China’s current development.	Beijing Normal University Prof. Qi Shirong and Nanjing University Prof. Qin Chengdan. (Source: Xinhua, 25 November 2003.)
23 February 2004 (Monday)	#10: Studied world trends and China’s security environment; Hu Jintao speech on taking a broad view.	MFA Foreign Affairs College Prof. Qin Yaqing & CASS researcher Zhang Yuyan. (Source: Xinhua, 24 February 2004.)
29 March 2004 (Monday)	#11: Studied trends in agriculture in world and China; Hu remarks.	Agriculture University Prof. Cheng Xu and Ministry of Agriculture Rural Research Center Professor Ke Bingsheng. (Source: Xinhua, 30 March 2004.)
26 April 2004 (Monday)	#12: Studied building a legal system and expanding popular political participation through elections; Hu remarks.	Beijing University Prof. Wu Zhipan & People’s University Prof. Wang Liming. (Source: Xinhua, 27 April 2004.)
28 May 2004 (Friday)	#13: Studied developments in Chinese philosophy and social sciences; Hu remarks.	Shanghai Finance & Economy University Professor Cheng Enfu & CASS Professor Li Chongfu. (See also 6 Oct. ’04 WWP interview with Li on session.) (Source, Xinhua, 29 May 2004.)
29 June 2004 (Tuesday)	#14: Studied strengthening Party governing capacity; Hu remarks.	Beijing University Prof. Huang Zongliang and Central Party School Prof. Lu Xianfu. (Source: Xinhua, 30 June 2005.)
24 July 2004 (Saturday)	#15: Studied coordinating economic and defense construction; Hu remarks.	PLA General Armament Dept. S&T Committee Prof. Guo Guirong and COSTIND Advisory Committee fellow Luan Enjie. (Source: Xinhua, 24 July 2004.)

21 October 2004 (Thursday)	#16: Studied issues of ethnic minorities; Hu remarks.	Central Nationalities Univ. Prof. Tang Shengmin & CASS researcher Hao Shiyuan. (Source: Xinhua, 22 October 2004.)
1 December 2004 (Thursday)	#17: Studied course of socialism in China to affirm “socialism with Chinese characteristics”; Hu remarks.	Central Party School Profs. Chen Xuewei & Liu Haitao. (NB: 12/9/04 <i>Ta Kung Pao</i> interview with Chen on session.) (Source: Xinhua, 2 December 2004.)
27 December 2004 (Monday)	#18: Studied S&T development strategy up to 2020; Hu remarks.	CAS researcher Sun Honglie & Tongji Univ. Professor Wan Gang. (Source: Xinhua, 28 December 2004.)
24 January 2005 (Monday)	#19: Studied building CCP’s “advanced nature”; Hu remarks.	Party Literature Research Center Professor Li Zhongjie & National Party-Building Research Society researcher Wang Tingfa. (Source: Xinhua, 25 January 2005.)
21 February 2005 (Monday)	#20: Studied social issues relevant to “building a harmonious society”; Hu remarks.	CASS Institute of Sociology researchers Li Peilin and Jing Tiankui. (Source: Xinhua, 22 February 2005.) NB: Xinhua English acct. says session was “Tuesday.”
15 April 2005 (Friday)	#21: Studied the Party’s “scientific development concept”; Hu remarks.	State Council Development Research Center researcher Liu Shijin and State Development and Reform Commission Macroeconomic Studies Institute researcher Chen Dongqi. (Source: Xinhua, 16 April 2005.)
31 May 2005 (Tuesday)	#22: Studied trends in globalization and international trade; Hu remarks.	People’s University Professor Huang Weiping and CASS researcher Pei Changhong. (Source: Xinhua, 1 June 2005.)
27 June 2005 (Monday)	#23: Studied international trends in energy and resources and China’s energy and resources strategy. Hu remarks.	Ministry of Land and Resources Geological Survey Bureau researcher Zhang Hongtao and State Development and Reform Commission Macroeconomic Research Institute Zhou Dadi. (Source: 28 June 2005.)
26 August 2005 (Friday)	#24: Studied national unity and patriotism in light of the experience of World War II and the Sino-Japanese War. Hu remarks.	Academy of Military Science Department of Theory and Strategy in War Researcher Jiang Ying and AMS Department of Military Affairs Research researcher Luo Yuan. (Source: Xinhua, 26 August 2005.)

29 September 2005 (Friday)	#25: Studied patterns of urbanization in China and other countries. Hu remarks.	Tongji University Professor Tang Zilai and Beijing University Professor Zhou Yixin. (Source: Xinhua, 30 September 2005.)
25 November 2005 (Friday)	#26: Studied trends in China and abroad in Marxist theory and their relevance to China's development. Hu remarks.	Heilongjiang University Professor Yi Junqing and CASS researcher Li Jingyuan. (Source: Xinhua, 26 November 2005. Further report: <i>Liaowang</i> 2005 No.49, 5 December 2005.)
20 December 2005 (Tuesday)	#27: Studied administrative reform and perfecting the economic legal system. Hu remarks.	Chinese University of Politics and Law Professor Ma Huaide and People's University Law School Professor Shi Jichun. (Source: Xinhua, 21 December 2005.)
25 January 2006 (Wednesday)	#28: Studied "building a new rural countryside." Hu remarks.	Ministry of Agriculture Agricultural Trade Center researcher Qian Keming and CASS Rural Development Institute researcher Zhang Xiaoshan. (Source: Xinhua, 26 January 2006.)
21 February 2006 (Tuesday)	#29: Studied readjustment policies in foreign industrial economies to assess how to adjust China's "mode of economic growth." Hu remarks.	State Council Development Research Center researcher Lu Zhongyuan and State Development and Reform Commission Institute of Macroeconomic Studies researcher Wang Yiming. (Source: Xinhua, 22 February 2006.)
28 March 2006 (Tuesday)	#30: Studied work safety issues. Hu remarks.	Qinghua's Public Safety Research Center Prof. Fan Weicheng and China Production Safety Research Institute scholar Liu Tiemin. (Source: Xinhua, 28 March 2006.)
26 May 2006 (Friday)	#31: Studied improving China's intellectual property protection system. Hu remarks.	CASS Law Institute researcher Zheng Chengsi and Zhongnan Finance, Economic, Political Science, and Law University IPR Research Center Professor Wu Handong. (Source: Xinhua, 27 May 2006.)
29 June 2006 (Thursday)	#32: Studied science, democracy, and the rule of law. Hu remarks.	Central Party School Professors Zhang Zhiming and Zhuo Zeyuan. (Source: Xinhua, 3 July 2006.)
25 July 2006 (Tuesday)	#33: Studied the history of the Chinese revolution. Hu remarks.	Academy of Military Science researchers Chen Li and Huang Xing. (Source: Xinhua, 25 July 2006.)

30 August 2006 (Wednesday)	#34: Studied world trends in education and education reform in China. Hu remarks.	Zhejiang Normal Univ. President Xu Hui and Ministry of Education research department director Zhang Li. (Source: Xinhua, 30 August 2006.)
23 October 2006 (Monday)	#35: Studied foreign medical and public health systems and medicine and public health work in China. Hu remarks.	Beijing University Center for the Study of China's Economy Dep. Director Li Ling and China Medical Society Vice President Liu Jun. (Source: Xinhua, 24 October 2006.)
30 November 2006 (Thursday)	#36: Studied expanding grassroots democracy in China. Hu remarks.	Huazhong Normal University Professor Xu Yong and State Council Development Research Center researcher Zhao Shukai. (Source: Xinhua, 1 December 2006.)
25 December 2006 (Monday)	#37: Studied energy and resources conservation. Hu remarks.	State Council Development Research Center researchers Feng Fei and Han Wenke. (Source: Xinhua, 26 December 2006.)
23 January 2007 (Tuesday)	#38: Studied international development on internet and information technology and management of China's online culture. Hu remarks.	Central Office for Overseas Propaganda's Internet Propaganda Bureau Director Li Wufeng and Ministry of Information Industry's Telecommunications Research Academy Professor Cao Shumin. (Source: Xinhua, 24 January 2007.)
15 February 2007 (Thursday)	#39: Studied patterns of regional development in other countries and in China. Hu remarks.	State Council Development Research Center researcher Li Shantong and CAS Institute of Geography and Resources researcher Fan Jie. (Source: Xinhua, 16 February 2007.)
23 March 2007 (Friday)	#40: Studied issues in formulating and implementing property rights law. Hu remarks.	CASS Institute of Law researcher Liang Huixing and Chinese People's University Institute of Law Professor Wang Liming. (Source: Xinhua, 24 March 2007.)
23 April 2007 (Monday)	#41: Studied agricultural standardization and food safety issues in China. Hu remarks.	Agricultural University of China Department of Food Science and Nutritional Engineering Professor Liu Yunbo and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science researcher Ye Zhihua. (Source: Xinhua, 24 April 2007.)
26 July 2007 (Thursday)	#42: Studied Party's revolutionary traditions as exemplified by the Nanchang Uprising and the establishment of the Jinggangshan base area. Hu remarks.	Academy of Military Sciences researchers Qi Dexue and Huang Yingxu. (Source: Xinhua, 27 July 2007.)

28 August 2007 (Tuesday)	#43: Studied the world financial situation and China's finance reforms. Hu remarks.	State Council Development Research Center fellow Ba Shusong and China Banking Regulatory Commission economist Li Fu'an. (Source: Xinhua, 29 August 2007.)
28 September 2007 (Friday)	#44: Studied opening up to the world economy while safeguarding China's economic security. Hu remarks.	Shanghai Foreign Trade Institute Professor Wang Xinkui and State Council Development Research Center fellow Long Guoqiang. (Source: Xinhua, 29 September 2007.)

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28 November 2007 (Wednesday)	#1: Studied perfecting the legal system and governing the country according to law. Hu remarks.	China Politics and Law Professor Xu Xianming and CASS research fellow Xin Chunying. (Source: Xinhua, 28 November 2007.)
18 December 2007 (Tuesday)	#2: Studied contemporary world religions and "religious work" in China. Hu remarks.	CASS researcher Zhuo Xinping and Central Nationalities University Prof. Mou Zhongjian. (Source: Xinhua, 19 December 2007.)
29 January 2008 (Tuesday)	#3: Studied goals of "building a well-off society" and "promoting sound and rapid economic and social development." Hu remarks.	CASS Institute of Economics researcher Liu Shucheng and National Development & Reform Commission Macroeconomics Research Institute researcher Ma Xiaohe. (Source: Xinhua, 30 January 2008.)
23 February 2008 (Saturday)	#4: Studied building a "service-oriented government." Hu remarks.	State Administration College Professor Bo Guili and China Administration Society research fellow Gao Xiaoping. (Source: Xinhua, 23 February 2008.)
28 April 2008 (Saturday)	#5: Studied accelerating transformation of China's economic development model. Hu remarks.	CASS Institute of World Economy and Politics researcher Li Xiangyang and NDRC Macroeconomics Institute researcher Luo Yunyi. (Source: Xinhua, 29 April 2008.)

27 June 2008 (Friday)	#6: Studied climate change and efforts to deal with it in China. Hu remarks.	China Meteorological Administration State Climate Center researcher Luo Yong and Qinghua University Low-Carbon Energy Laboratory He Jiankun. (Source: Xinhua, 28 June 2008.)
26 July 2008 (Saturday)	#7: Studied modern Olympic movement and issues in hosting the Beijing Olympics.	State Sports Administration official Yu Zaiqing and Beijing Olympics Organizing Committee official Wang Wei. (Source: Xinhua, 26 July 2008.)
28 September 2008 (Sunday)	#8: Studied the theory of “socialism with Chinese characteristics.” Hu remarks.	Central Party School Prof. Yan Shuhan and Chinese People’s University Prof. Qin Xuan. (Source: Xinhua, 29 September 2008.)
29 November 2008 (Saturday)	#9: Studied promoting the “scientific development concept.” Hu remarks.	CASS researcher Song Hong and NDRC Macroeconomics Institute research fellow Zhang Yansheng. (Source: Xinhua, 29 November 2008.)
26 December 2008 (Friday)	#10: Studied deepening “reform and opening up.” Hu remarks.	Party History Research Center researcher Zhang Baijia and Central Party School Professor Yang Qiubao. (Source: Xinhua, 27 December 2008.)
23 January 2009 (Friday)	#11: Studied promoting “agricultural modernization with Chinese characteristics.” Hu remarks.	China Agriculture University Professor He Xiurong and State Council Development Research Center research fellow Han Jun. (Source: Xinhua, 24 January 2009.)
23 February 2009 (Monday)	#12: Studied the world economic situation and maintaining “stable and fairly fast” economic growth in China.	State Council Development Research Center research fellow Zhao Jinping and NDRC Macroeconomics Institute research fellow Bi Jiyao. (Source: Xinhua, 24 February 2009.)
22 May 2009 (Friday)	#13: Studied social security systems in other countries and in China. Hu remarks.	CASS research fellow Zhou Hong and Chinese Academy of Labor Protection Services research fellow He Ping. (Source: Xinhua, 23 May 2009.)
29 June 2009 (Monday)	#14: Studied promoting inner-Party democracy. Hu remarks.	People’s University Professor Li Jingzhi & Party Organization Dept. Party Building Institute Researcher Gao Yongzhong. (Source: Xinhua, 30 June 2009.)

24 July 2009 (Friday)	#15: Studied development on basis of civilian and military integration. Hu remarks.	National Defense University's Strategy Teaching & Research Department Professor Jin Yanan & NDU Economic Research Center Professor Jiang Luming. (Source: Xinhua, 24 July 2009.)
9 September 2009 (Wednesday)	#16: Studied socialist modernization since founding of the PRC in anticipation of the 60 th PRC anniversary. Hu remarks.	Central Party School History Research Center Researcher Zheng Qian & State Council Development Research Center Researcher Zhang Junkuo. (Source: Xinhua, 9 September 2009.)
27 November 2009 (Friday)	#17: Studied Fourth Plenum spirit on party-building. Hu remarks.	National Defense University Professor Qi Biao & CC Organization Department Party-Building Research Institute Researcher Zhang Shouhua. (Source: Xinhua, Xinhua, 28 November 2009.)
8 January 2010 (Friday)	#18: Studied fiscal systems in major countries and deepening fiscal reform in China. Hu remarks.	CASS Finance & Trade Economics Institute Professor Gao Peiyong & Ministry of Finance Financial Science Institute Researcher Jia Kang. (Source: Xinhua, 10 January 2010.)
22 February 2010 (Monday)	#19: Studied task of fulfilling China's 2020 greenhouse gas emissions target. Hu remarks.	CASS Urban Development & Environmental Studies Institute Researcher Pan Jiahua & State Development & Reform Commission Institute of Energy Studies Researcher Xu Huaqing. (Source: Xinhua, 23 February 2010.)
28 May 2010 (Friday)	#20: Studied world health trends and issues in reform of China's medical and health system. Hu remarks.	Ministry of Health Information Center Researcher Rao Keqin & State Council Development Research Center Researcher Ge Yanfeng. (Source: Xinhua, 29 May 2010.)
21 June 2010 (Monday)	#21: Studied strengthening party-building at grassroots levels. Hu remarks.	National Defense University Army Building and Political Work Teaching Department Professor Wu Jieming & CC Organization Department Party-Building Research Institute Researcher Gao Yongzhong. (Source: Xinhua, 22 June 2010.)

23 July 2010 (Friday)	#22: Studied deepening reform of China's "cultural structure." Hu remarks.	Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Institute of Literature Researcher Kuai Dashen & CC Propaganda Department National Propaganda Cadre Institute Professor Li Wei. (Source: Xinhua, 23 June 2010.)
29 September 2010 (Wednesday)	#23: Examined issue of "correctly handling of contradictions among the people in the new period." Hu remarks.	CASS Institute of Political Science Researcher Fang Ning & CASS Finance and Trade Economics Institute Professor Gao Peiyong. (Source: Xinhua, 29 September 2010.)
3 December 2010 (Friday)	#24: Studied new trends and concepts in world development as evident at Shanghai World Expo. Hu remarks.	Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Researcher Huang Renwei & Tongji University Public Management Department Professor Zhu Dajian. (Source: Xinhua, 4 December 2010.)
28 December 2010 (Tuesday)	#25: Studies issue of promoting sound, rapid economic and social development. Hu Remarks.	National Reform & Development Commission Macroeconomics Research Institute Researcher Wang Yiming & CASS Population & Labor Economics Institute Researcher Cai Fang. (Source: Xinhua, 29 December 2010.)
21 February 2011 (Monday)	#26: Studied issues of developing education and national human resources. Hu remarks.	China Education Society Researcher Tan Songhua & Central Institute of Education Science Professor Yuan Zhenguo. (Source: Xinhua, 2 February 2011.)
28 March 2011 (Monday)	#27: Studied promoting administration by law (以法行政) & awareness of socialist law. Hu remarks.	National Academy of Governance Professor Hu Jianmiao & Central Party School Professor Zhou Zeyuan. (Source: Xinhua, 29 March 2011.)
26 April 2011 (Tuesday)	#28: Studied world population trends and population trends in China. Hu remarks.	People's University School of Sociology and Populations Studies Professor Zhai Zhenwu & Population Ageing and Economic & Social Development Research Center Researcher Yu Xuejun. (Source: Xinhua, 27 April 2011.)
30 May 2011 (Monday)	#29: Studied issues in promoting development of strategic emerging industries. Hu remarks.	Qinghua University School of Public Policy & Management Professor Xue Lan & State Council Development Research Center Researcher Feng Fei. (Source: Xinhua, 31 May 2011.)

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#30: Studied issues of sustaining
and promoting CCP's advanced
nature. Hu remarks.

CC Party History Research Center Professor Qu
Qingshan & People's University School of
Marxism Studies Professor Yang Fengcheng.
(Source: Xinhua, 28 June 2011.)

**Table 4:
Publicized Politburo Standing Committee Meetings¹**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Notes</i>
4 February 2002	Discussed poverty relief work on eve of the Spring Festival; Jiang Zemin presided and delivered speech.	(Source: Xinhua, 4 February 2002.)
12 December 2002	Resolving livelihood problems of the poor; authorized CC-State Council circular on poverty relief steps on eve of Spring Festival period; Hu Jintao presided.	(Source: Xinhua, 12 December 2002.)
16 January 2003	Reviewed draft State Council report to be delivered by Zhu Rongji to the 10 th NPC.	(Source: Xinhua, 18 March 2003.)
17 April 2003	Addressed SARS epidemic.	(Source: Xinhua, 17 April 2003.)
4 July 2003	Reviewed draft of 42-point “decision” on economic reform adopted at Third Plenum.	(Source: Xinhua account of drafting of Third Plenum decision on economic reform, 9 November 2003.)
31 July 2003	Again reviewed draft of 42-point “decision” on economic reform adopted at Third Plenum.	(Source: Xinhua account of drafting of Third Plenum decision on economic reform, 9 November 2003.)
18 September 2003	Reviewed revised draft of 42-point “decision” on economic reform adopted at Third Plenum.	(Source: Xinhua account of drafting of Third Plenum decision on economic reform, 9 November 2003.)
13 October 2003	Reviewed draft of 42-point “decision” on economic reform revised to incorporate changes proposed in Third Plenum group discussions for final approval by plenum.	(Source: Xinhua account of drafting of Third Plenum decision on economic reform, 9 November 2003.)

¹ **Note:** Meetings of the Politburo Standing Committee are only occasionally reported contemporaneously; others are occasionally referred to some time after the fact in PRC media. It is likely that most meetings are not reported at all, and so this list should be regarded as a complete list of Politburo Standing Committee meetings.

18 March 2004	Made arrangements for nationwide study of the revised PRC constitution adopted at the 10 th NPC's second session.	(Source: Xinhua, 18 March 2004.)
27 May 2004	Reviewed preliminary draft of "Decision" on improving Party governing capability adopted at Fourth Plenum.	(Source: 27 September 2004 Xinhua account of Fourth Plenum "Decision's" drafting process.)
15 July 2004	Again reviewed preliminary draft of "Decision" on improving Party governing capability adopted at Fourth Plenum.	(Source: 27 September 2004 Xinhua account of Fourth Plenum "Decision's" drafting process.)
2 September 2004	Reviewed draft "Decision" on improving Party governing capability to be reviewed by full Politburo and adopted at Fourth Plenum.	(Source: 27 September 2004 Xinhua account of Fourth Plenum "Decision's" drafting process.)
10 October 2006	Reviewed report on Sixth Plenum plenary discussions on draft resolution of "socialist harmonious society."	(Source: 19 October 2006 Xinhua report on drafting and review process of Sixth Plenum resolution on "socialist harmonious society.")
Late March 2007	Decided to propose amendment of the CCP constitution at the 17 th Congress.	(Source: 28 October 2007 Xinhua report on process of amending the Party constitution leading up to the 17 th Congress.)
10 May 2007	Reviewed progress of plan to amend the CCP constitution.	(Source: 28 October 2007 Xinhua report on process of amending the Party constitution leading up to the 17 th Congress.)
14 June 2007	Again reviewed progress of plan to amend the CCP constitution, prior to 15 June meeting of full Politburo.	(Source: 28 October 2007 Xinhua report on process of amending the Party constitution leading up to the 17 th Congress.)
30 August 2007	Reviewed results of Party-wide comments on draft amendments to Party constitution.	(Source: 28 October 2007 Xinhua report on process of amending the Party constitution leading up to the 17 th Congress.)

27 September 2007	Reviewed and approved list of nominees for CC leadership organs to be presented to 17 th CC First Plenum.	(Source: 23 October 2007 Xinhua report on process of nomination for new leadership members.)
30 September 2007	Reviewed revised draft of work report to be delivered at 17 th Congress.	(Source: Xinhua report on drafting of 17 th Congress work report, 27 October 2007.)
3 February 2008	Discussed relief efforts to deal with ice storms in south China.	(Source: Xinhua, 3 February 2008.)
12 May 2008	Made arrangements for disaster relief for Wenchuan earthquake.	(Source: Xinhua, 12 May 2008.)
14 May 2008	Accelerated relief efforts to deal with the Wenchuan earthquake.	(Source: Xinhua, 14 May 2008.)
22 May 2008	Made further arrangements for earthquake relief work.	(Source: Xinhua, 22 May 2008.)
5 June 2008	Reviewed earthquake relief and reconstruction work.	(Source: Xinhua, 5 June 2008.)
8 July 2009	Discussed outbreak of ethnic violence in Xinjiang.	(Source: Xinhua: 9 July 2009.)
17 April 2010	Discussed relief work for Yushu (Qinghai) earthquake.	(Source: Xinhua, 17 April 2010.)