

Unsung heroes find voice in Party

Delegates excel in their jobs and win trust of the public

The 2,120 delegates expected to attend the 16th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), which will open tomorrow in Beijing at the Great Hall of the People, represent a wide spectrum of professions and careers in current Chinese society. With their diligence, devotion and even personal sacrifices, they have excelled in their jobs and won trust and confidence from their colleagues and the public. The following stories, by China Daily feature writers YU NAN, WANG SHANSHAN and CHEN JIE, offer profiles of seven of the delegates.



Zhang won national fame when he became the first peasant sponsor of a 1,350-metre-long highway bridge over the Wenli River, a branch of the Yellow River in 1997. It cost a total of 22 million US\$2.66 million.

"We farmers are freeing ourselves of poverty with our own intelligence and hands and we will do better in the future," Zhang said with confidence.

Fighter in the desert

In the vast desert of the Erjiner (Dalain Hob), Chifeng, Northern Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, colourful Chinese tamarisks surround an oasis of about 1,500 hectares.

The oasis has been created by Yongqing Jabo, who came to the desert with her 4-year-old son in 1987.

"The whole area was barren when we first came. Every time we plant Chinese tamarisk to fence the grass, the sandstorms would blow the strings dozens of kilometres away, and we to go and get them back," Yongqing Jabo recalled.

The woman rose from bed every morning, planted Chinese tamarisks and grasses, took care of the sheep, and



not sleep until one o'clock at night. After 15 years of hard work, 1,300 hectares of grasses, 35,000 tamarisks, and 1,000 sheep are thriving in the desert.

Yongqing Jabo has also been helping local residents free themselves from poverty.

Li Jianzhong, a local resident said: "My family would not be so happy if she wasn't here to help."

Yongqing Jabo helped Li Jianzhong pay the tuition fees of his three daughters. "I am a Party member now, and my fellow herdsmen lead a better life," she said.

Commander of pigs

When Chen Jianxiang graduated from Foshan College of Science and Technology with an animal husbandry degree in 1989, all he wanted to do was find a job in Zhongshan City, Southern Guangdong Province.

The reason was that he hoped to join his girlfriend there.

He got a job with the local import and export company. However, he was assigned to work at the Li pig farm, 30 kilometres away from Zhongshan.

During the day, he cleaned pigsties, transported fodder and fed pigs. At night, he fought with mosquitoes in a dormitory which was almost a shift shed.

He wanted to leave the job, but his mother and girlfriend — now wife — encouraged him to stay. They thought he should change the working environment there instead of running away.

Fresh from college, he had a lot of new ideas to change the management



of the pig farm. He was able to win the trust of his colleagues and the managers after he led a chorus group from the farm to win first place in a local singing competition.

He also gained confidence after he successfully cured the farm's hounds who were suffering an epidemic disease.

Four years later, he became the farm's general manager. Over the past 11 years, Chen, 36, and his colleagues have transformed the farm into one of the best and most modern pig farms in the country. With 100 employees holding a college education, the farm supplies the market with some 4,000 pigs of breeding stock and 50,000 hogs a year.

During the forthcoming 16th CPC National Congress, Chen, as a delegate, will put forward his ideas on improving the country's legal and moral education of the young, and on advancing agriculture in China and foreign trade.

"We should also pay more attention to vulnerable groups in the society as well," he said.

Choreographer

Ma Dongfeng, a choreographer from the Sichuan Provincial Song and Dance Theatre, is the only representative from arts circles in Southwest China's Sichuan Province to attend the 16th CPC National Congress. Ma, who dresses in graceful black and white, regards her coming participation in the Party congress as a superb honour.

"As a choreographer, it's necessary to produce more artistic programmes," she said.

Although her name is not well known, her dance and musical works, such as "Flowers on Far Mountains" and "Combination for the Future," are popular, winning a number of national awards for creative stage works.

"Successful work is often the result of endless innovation and exploration," Ma noted.

Ma said she will take another bold step in her creation. She will adapt Tibetan author Ah Lai's novel "Dusts Settled Down" into a large-scale dance drama.

The book won the 2000 Mao Dun Literature Award for the author's vivid portrayals of the lives of Tibetans.

"Artists need to devote themselves to life with a new attitude, that is, to be patient and create more excellent works that reflect our era."

A sewage cleaner

Gu Haiwei is a sewage cleaner, working in the No 2 Sanitation Branch in Hebei District, Tianjin.



He is the third generation worker with the city sanitation department in his family, having developed a special feeling for the job from his grandfather and his father.

"My work is to clean the city and make the city more beautiful and it is an important career," he said.

For 21 years, he has cleaned the public restrooms in the district. During his spare time, he volunteers to work in a local home for the elderly.

When he started his job, he and his colleagues still worked with their hands. Over the past few years, they have worked together and developed electric machines that have aided their manual work tremendously.

As they can now work more efficiently, Gu and his colleagues have also established a service centre to help clean up sewage in individual homes.

WHAT'S ON

Acrobatic Show
 Chaoyang Theatre is a theatre which specializes in acrobatics all the year round. Many top acrobatic artists from all over the country are invited to perform for the Chinese and foreign tourists.
 Venue: Chaoyang Theatre, 36 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District, Beijing
 Time: 7:15 pm, nightly Telephone: 6507-2421, 6507-1818

China National Acrobatic Circus
 China National Acrobatic Circus was the first State-level acrobatic troupe of New China and has won lots of gold medals in various well-known international acrobatic contests in places such as Monaco, France, Hungary, Russia and Italy. Now the star-studded cast are exhibiting the charm and elegance of the most professional comprehensive acrobatic art every night. Integrating superlative juggling, unicycling, balancing and jumping through hoops with the finest ancient Chinese dancing, the award-winning variety show will amaze you at every turn.
 Time/Dates: 19:15 - 20:30, every evening
 Location: Universe Theatre, 10 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District (100 metres north of Poly Plaza)
 Tel: 6502 3984, 6502 2649, 6416 9893 Fax: 6500 2743

STAGE
Kung fu show: "Hidden Dragon, Crouching Tiger," a performance which demonstrates the best of the mysterious Chinese kung fu, is being staged at the Xinrong Theatre in Beijing. The show displays brilliant Chinese martial arts within the structure of a dramatic story. It is presented by the Beijing Detian Shunyi Culture Development Company.
 Time: 7:30 pm, daily
 Place: 16 Baizhilang Lu, Xuanwu District
 Tel: 8354-0774, 8354-0775

Fox and his son: To commemorate first anniversary of the death of Japanese composer Danikuma, his opera "Chanchiki (Fox' Happiness in the Wild Mountain)" is to make its debut in Beijing. With the script based on folklore depicting a father fox's love and concerns for his son, the composer includes comic touches to the music.
 Time: 7:30 pm, November 10, 12
 Place: Poly Theatre, 14 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District
 Tel: 6500-1188

Ming-style theatre: The Liyuan Theatre presents traditional Peking Opera excerpts specially packaged in short programmes for foreign audiences in its original style. The theatre revives the ambience of old Beijing by setting up Ming-style tables that enable guests to sample snacks during the performances. With an interpretation in English, the performances are from the Beijing Peking Opera Theatre.
 Time: 7:30 pm daily
 Place: Qianmen Hotel, 175 Yong'an Lu, Xuanwu District
 Tel: 6301-6688 ext 8867

BRIDGE (By Phillip Alder)

Have a look at all 52 cards in the diagram and decide, if you were a betting person, whether you would gamble a nickel on the declarer or on the defense in five clubs.

The deal occurred in Bulgaria during last year and was reported by Krastyu Kavakov.

North and South were using a strong-club system, so that the one-diamond opening was limited to 15 high-card points. After East's jump overcall and West's raise, North's aggressive three-no-trump rebid showed either a minor two-suiter, or a solid six-card or longer diamond suit with a heart stopper. Since South had the diamond king, he knew which it was and should have gone straight to five clubs over East's double. However, when North redoubled to reflect both minors with longer diamonds, South finally took the plunge.

West found the only winning lead in a spade. After taking East's queen with his king, declarer played a trump to East's queen. Back came the spade 10, but declarer won with dummy's ace and led a second trump. East was in again, but had no spade left, so South took 11 tricks, his major-suit

North
 ♠ A 7 3
 ♥ J 8 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 6 4 3
 ♣ J 8 4 2

West
 ♠ J 9 6 5 2
 ♥ A 7 6 2
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ K 3

East
 ♠ Q 10
 ♥ K Q 10 8 5 3
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ A Q

South
 ♠ K 8 4
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5

Dealer: South
 Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
Pass	3♥	3NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Redbl.	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

CROSSWORD (No 6735)

ACROSS

- Tiny speck
- Mist
- Place
- Tip of a pen
- Bizarre
- Subzero comment
- Fla. neighbour
- Apothecary measure
- Solicits
- Ghost towns
- Banquet host
- Not lge.
- Kind of tent
- Having brunch
- Not him
- Holiday greenery
- Matty of baseball
- Door opener
- Audition tape
- Night light?
- Ticked off
- Loosens
- Yes, to Pierre
- Eau — cologne
- Opposite of off
- UFO pilot
- Bakery's need
- Pat dry
- "lck"
- Confederate general
- Leap aside
- Aunt, in Mexico
- German article
- Approves
- Pvt.'s boss
- Word origin
- Gossip tidbit
- Desert wanderer
- Rock shop curiosity

DOWN

- Court evidence, maybe
- Tanker cargo
- Ski lift (hyph.)
- Element in salt
- Toll roads
- Sorority letters
- Tentacle
- Forget — not
- Flour sack abbr.
- Actress Joan Van —
- Birthday no.
- Went on stage
- Not down
- "Bien" opposite
- Famed orca
- Vine product
- What fans do
- Deep water
- Workers' group
- Kingsley of "Gandhi"
- Hotel offerings
- That is (Lat.)
- "Hawkeye"
- Pierce
- Bolt holders
- Antique
- Churchill gesture
- Always, to Poe
- choy
- Band's booking
- Derby or fedora
- Take action

Solution to No 6734

J	A	P	A	N	E	M	I	L	E		
O	U	T	A	G	E	S	U	N	T	A	N
G	L	A	D	T	E	S	T	S	E		
L	I	L	G	E	E	V	I	E			
E	E	L	S	O	A	S	L	I	E	D	
F	A	H	E	L	D	N	O	I	S	E	
A	L	C	O	A	B	A	R	E			
B	I	A	S	A	P	R	C	M	P		
L	A	B	L	E	A	L	E	O			
E	S	P	A	U	L	A	A	I	L	S	
D	E	I	G	N	S	C	A	G	N	E	
S	O	A	K	S	E	M	O	T	E		

Winter Olympic gold medalist Yang Yang (A), better known as Da Yang Yang to most Chinese people, said she felt a little bit nervous when she was elected as one of the CPC delegates to attend the 16th CPC National Congress.



"I felt honoured, excited but a little nervous because it was the first time for me to attend such a big and important meeting," the 26-year-old short-track skate speeding world champion explained.

Yang Yang (A) won China's first ever Winter Olympic gold medal in the women's 500 metre short-track speed skating final in Salt Lake City during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games on February 16.

She broke China's zero gold medal record in the games since the Chinese made their Winter Olympics debut in Lake Placid, the United States, in 1980.

A week later, she won yet another gold medal in the women's 1000 metre short-track speed final and confirmed her No 1 status in the world with another 10 more world championship titles in other individual and team events.

Yang was born in Harbin, Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, home of China's winter sports. She started her skating training at eight years old.

She is billed as Yang Yang (A) to avoid confusion with her younger namesake and speed skating teammate Yang Yang (S).

Yang has won various honours for her world-level performances on the ice rinks, such as a Sports Honour Medal, State May 1st Labour Medal and May 4th Chinese Youth Outstanding Contribution Medal. Last week, she was named one of the top 10 distinguished Chinese women by the All-China Women's Federation.

Yang is now studying in the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University in Beijing while continuing her daily training.

Despite a busy schedule, Yang said she has set aside time to prepare for the forthcoming congress.

"I am attending the historic meeting, and it requires the best representation," she said.

Devoted country doctor

Wu Dengyun, 62, comes from Ulugqat County, located in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on the border between China, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. In this remote county, Wu has been

called "Pamirs' Saviour in White" among the local people, 70 per cent of them Khalkhas (Kirgizs).

After graduating from Yangzhou Medical School in East China's Jiangsu Province, he left his hometown of Yangzhou and travelled more than 5,000 kilometres to the Pamirs Mountains, where Ulugqat County is located.

Few doctors wanted to work in such a remote and desolate place at that time, but the young and vigorous Wu decided to stay and devote himself to improve local medical care.

As the director of the County People's Hospital, he spends three months each year making trips on horseback to the tents of the families of herdspeople scattered in the mountains. In this way, he has been able to provide medical care to those people who cannot go to the hospital easily owing to a lack of transportation.

Wu has also donated blood more than 30 times — altogether more than 7,000 millilitres of blood in the past years. This has helped save about 40 of his patients, even though he fainted at the operating table a few times afterwards.

He once cut off 13 pieces of skin from his legs to save a little Khalkhas boy's life, who had suffered serious burns.

The little boy, named Tuohe Taxi, is now 30 and the father of a son and a daughter.

"Doctor Wu is my saviour," he said. Local Khalkhas have composed two songs for Wu, named "Saviour in White" and "Pure Springs" respectively.

Wu retired from the post of hospital director two years ago but he has not left Ulugqat.

"I will not put my mind at rest even if I leave Ulugqat, where I still have plenty work to do," said Wu in an earlier interview by CCTV.

"As a doctor and a common CPC member, I wish I can do more to make the lives better for more people," he said.

Village business manager

This is the third time that Zhang Houhua, 55, has been elected as a delegate to the CPC National Congress.



Zhang, the founder and president of Huanghe (Yellow River) Group in Fugu County, Northwest China's Shaanxi Province, started village business ventures in 1994. Today, his company, consisting of 11 factories and several sales companies, is one of the largest village and township enterprises in the county.

"I am honoured to represent farmers when attending the meetings," said Zhang, who was born in a peasant family in Shipan Village in Fugu County in 1947.

He can never forget the hard days when most villagers worried about how to fill their stomach.

Zhang started a small travel business with 130,000 yuan (US\$15,720) in Shipan in the early 1990s.

TODAY'S TELEVISION

CCTV-1 Channel 2	12:40 Legal report	14:20 15-part serial: Dream River (11, 12)	17:00 World Express	18:09 Children's programme: Dafengche	19:00 News; weather	21:26 Serial: The Days When We Were Young (10)	22:20 World Report
CCTV-2 Channel 8	10:30 Road to Health	14:05 Earth Stories	17:05 China Market Update	17:25 Oriental Horizon	20:08 China Business Report	21:35 Economy 30 Minutes	22:15 Stock Market Today
CCTV-3 Channel 15	12:35 Arts Guide	16:33 Classic Sound	18:03 Studio Express	19:30 World Arts			
CCTV-4 Channel 32	10:05 Across the Straits	11:30 Around China	18:40 Learning Chinese	19:05 Around Heilongjiang	21:00 China News	22:10 Sports Online	
CCTV-5 Channel 18	12:15 Documentary serial: Film Market	18:56 Documentary	19:45 Chinese movie: The Teamwork	21:21 Screen Watch	21:48 Documentary: The Glory		
CCTV-6 Channel 18	11:30 Centre Stage	14:55 China in the 20th Century	16:15 Shanghai Today	17:30 Focus Today	20:30 Documentary	23:00 Sports Scene	
CCTV-7 Channel 17	12:00 Serial: Something Men (58)	18:35 Star	19:10 Entertainment Live	19:45 Serial: Shanghai Story (49, 50)	23:33 Legend Screen		
CCTV-8 Channel 29	11:05 Animal World	19:00 World Culture Square	20:00 Prime Time Theatre: Police-women (1, 2)	21:46 Jiayi Drama: Prediction (12)			
CCTV-9	20:33 Dance World	21:05 Chitchat	21:35 Foreign Arts				
CCTV-9	11:30 Late-night Theatre	23:36 British movie					
CCTV-9	11:30 Centre Stage	14:55 China in the 20th Century	16:15 Shanghai Today	17:30 Focus Today	20:30 Documentary	23:00 Sports Scene	
BTV-1 Channel 6	11:53 Hello the World	12:30 Capital Economy Report	13:13 Window of China	17:45 Beijing Express	18:30 News; weather	20:18 Serial: Story of 2001 (12)	23:28 Cross-talk show
BTV-2 Channel 21	12:05 21-part serial: The Family (16)	13:08 Dream's Come True	14:28 Star Talk	18:07 MTV	18:20 Chinese Top Music		
BTV-3 Channel 27	12:25 Imag	15:55 Clinic	17:35 Serial: Sunday (10)	18:54 Disco channel	19:30 Sciencj Technology	20:05 Home	22:04 Serial: The Ocean (1, 2)
BTV-4 Channel 17	12:00 Serial: Something Men (58)	18:35 Star	19:10 Entertainment Live	19:45 Serial: Shanghai Story (49, 50)	23:33 Legend Screen		
BTV-7 Channel 24	10:00 Luxiegance	12:14 Cha Seventh Day	15:00 National Geographic Channel	19:35 Mochne	21:05 Wally		

TODAY'S RADIO

FM 97.4 MHz (all stereo)

06:30 News of CCTV
 08:30 Music World
 09:00 Hello Taxi
 12:30 Chinese Top 10
 13:00 Old Cars
 21:30 Culture News

FM 87.6 MHz (all stereo)

08:00 Morning Beijing
 13:30 Korean Hits
 14:30 Opera Space
 17:00 New Folk Songs

AM 640 kHz

09:00 Popular CD
 19:00 Children's Club
 00:10 Midnight Stars

AM 603 kHz

08:30 Reading Time
 10:00 Community & Life
 12:00 Legal Times
 18:00 Travel Guide
 20:10 English pop songs