

Party meet maps out a socialist modern city with global influence

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THE 12th Shanghai Congress of the Communist Party of China concluded this week with a blueprint to build Shanghai into a socialist modern metropolis with world influence.

The CPC Shanghai Congress takes place once every five years to summarize work over the previous five years and set goals and visions for the future. A total of 804 Party member representatives selected from citywide and some invited deputies were present at the closing ceremony.

They cast their votes to elect 88 members and 16 alternate members of the 12th CPC Shanghai Committee, 53 members of the 12th Shanghai Commission for Discipline Inspection and deputies to attend the 20th National Congress of the CPC later in Beijing.

Li Qiang was elected as secretary of the Communist Party of China Shanghai Committee at the first plenary session of the 12th CPC Shanghai Committee on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Gong Zheng and Zhuge Yujie were elected as deputy secretaries of the CPC Shanghai Committee.

Besides them, Liu Xuexin,

Wu Qing, Hu Wenrong, Zhao Jiaming, Chen Tong, Zhu Zhi-song, Zhang Wei, Chen Jinshan and Guo Fang were also elected as members of the standing committee of the CPC Shanghai Committee.

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The congress passed a resolution that recognized the 11th CPC Committee's work in leading the city in achieving all goals set at the start of its term five years ago and agreed on the vision to build Shanghai into a socialist modern metropolis with world influence.

It aims to make Shanghai more people-oriented, with high-quality livelihood, highly-efficient governance and common prosperity.

The congress said the city will work hard to improve its capabilities for global resource allocation, science and technology innovation, high-end industry development and opening-up.

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shipping, as well as science and technology innovation.

It will strive to promote innovation-driven, service-oriented, opening-up, headquarters-based and flux-focused types of economic sectors to further improve Shanghai's strength and core competitiveness. It will also improve the city's soft power and resistance against risks, become more people-oriented

and enhance regulations inside the Party.

The vision of a socialist, modern international metropolis with global influence will primarily be achieved by 2035 and fully achieved by the middle of the century.

It also outlined key tasks in the city's social and economic development over the next five years, including deepening reform and opening up, building the Pudong New Area into a leading zone for socialist modernization, and reforming its economic structure.

The congress also agreed to balance urban and rural development, promote rural revitalization, and get people more involved in the legislation process to become a best-practice model for whole-process democracy.

It's also determined to comprehensively improve the city's governance capacity with the help of digitalization.

Ecological civilization was also listed by the congress as one of Shanghai's priorities to promote harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, green transformation of the whole city, improve ecological and environmental quality and benefit the people.

New COVID rules slash quarantine period by half

Ke Jiayun

CHINA has slashed the quarantine period for close contacts and inbound travelers by half in the updated COVID-19 control protocol released on Tuesday.

According to the nation's ninth edition of the COVID-19 control protocol, close contacts and inbound travelers will now undergo seven days of quarantine at an official center and three days of home monitoring, instead of 14 and seven days.

Nasal swabs will no longer be given to these people for nucleic acid testing. Instead, they will have throat swabs for the first three days and the fifth and seventh days of centralized quarantine and on the third day of in-home monitoring.

Close contacts of close contacts will have 7-day home quarantine rather than 7-day centralized quarantine. They will receive nucleic acid testing on the first, fourth and seventh days.

Shanghai started cutting the isolation length for inbound travelers from 12am on Thursday, the city's epidemic prevention and control leading group announced on Wednesday.