

# CPC punishes officials for consuming high-end alcohol

The Communist Party of China's (CPC) top disciplinary watchdog Wednesday named and shamed officials in five cases for consuming high-end wine and liquor bought with public funds.

In one case, the Tinghu District government of Yancheng city in Jiangsu Province was found to have spent 1.2 million yuan (182,731.8 U.S. dollars), buying over 2,000 bottles of liquor from 2013 to 2016, according to a CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) statement.

Most were consumed at banquets hosted by principal leaders of the district government. The officials exposed in the five cases were largely given a warning.

Luxurious wine, liquor, food and cigarettes are banned from business receptions in the country, and officials of the Party and government departments are forbidden to attend banquets held by state-owned enterprises and financial institutions, the CCDI said.

The government has promised harsh punishment for officials who dine out on public funds.