

Former Tianjin mayor sentenced to 12 years of imprisonment

Huang Xingguo, former acting Communist Party chief and mayor of Tianjin Municipality, was sentenced to 12 years in prison Monday for taking bribes of over 40 million yuan (US\$ 6 million).

He was also fined 3 million yuan, according to a court in the city of Shijiazhuang in north China's Hebei Province.

Between 1994 and 2016, Huang took advantage of his various posts to seek benefits regarding land using and personnel promotion for others.

He also used his power and status to seek illegal benefits for others through other officials, the court statement said.

In return, he accepted gifts and money worth 40 million yuan by himself or through others, it said.

The statement said the court handed down the sentence with consideration of Huang's confessing to his crimes, showing repentance and providing reliable evidence of others' violations. Huang has been cooperative in returning all his illegal gains.