

One of the most wanted fugitives comes home

A former banker, who is one of Shanghai's most-wanted fugitives, has turned himself in.

Chen Fujin, 72, former director of the Minhang branch of the Bank of Communications, used a fake passport to fly to the United States on March 13, 1996.



Chen Fujin is met at Pudong airport on his return to Shanghai.
[Photo/Shanghai Daily]

His wife escaped with him, according to prosecutors of Minhang District.

On October 18, 1997, he was put on Interpol's "red notice" wanted list of Chinese economic fugitives who had fled overseas. He was also wanted as part of China's "Sky Net" anti-graft campaign, started in April 2015, to repatriate fugitive officials.

Details about what Chen's corruption involved were not disclosed.

Sun Jing, director of the Minhang District People's Procuratorate, said

officials approached Chen and his relatives via WeChat and persuaded him to return to Shanghai, which he did last Thursday.

"I am willing to receive any punishment," Chen said on a local TV broadcast.

He was arrested on his arrival, prosecutors said.

Shanghai prosecutors said that they have now detained nearly 20 suspects, or about half of those who are being sought in the Sky Net campaign.