<u>State Council appoints, removes</u> officials

The State Council on Friday announced the appointment and removal of several leading officials.

Ding Xuedong was appointed State Council deputy secretary-general in place of Xiao Jie.

Wang Shuangquan was named vice justice minister, and Tang Jun has replaced Liu Yuting as deputy head of China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce.

Guo Shuqing was appointed chairman of China Banking Regulatory Commission. Shang Fulin no longer holds the post.

Chen Gang was nominated deputy director of the Office of the South-to-North Water Diversion Project Construction Committee under the State Council.

Wang Kun was named deputy head of China Geological Survey, and Luo Liming was removed from the post of deputy director of the State Ethnic Affairs Commission.