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17 locals are elected

Prominent local leftwing figures have been elected members of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Seventeen people from Hongkong and Macau have been listed as CPPCC members in the fifth council, the first session of which is now underway.

Four of them were elected to the Presidium.

They included the publisher of the Ta Kung Pao, Mr Fei Yi-ming (who was also elected to the Presidium of the fifth National People's Congress);

the chairman of the Macau Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ho Yin; a vice-chairman of the Macau Chamber, Mr Ma Man-kei; and a businessman and for many years chairman of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ko Cheuk-hung.

Among the CPPCC members were three newspaper editors: Mr Yen Ching-shu of the New Evening Post, Mr Li Tse-chung of the Wen Wei Pao and Mr Li Hsia-wen of the Ta Kung Po.

Others included the deputy director of the Hongkong Branch of the New China News Agency, Mr Chi Feng; the president of the Federation of Hongkong and Macau Trade Unions, Mr Chen Yau-tsai; the headmaster of the Yu Hua Middle School, Mr Huang Cho-feng; an officer of the Bank of China, Mr Pan Ching-an; and the manager of China Resources, Mr Chang Kuang-tou.

As expected, several elderly people who had not been heard of for several years

were also elected CPPCC members. They included the former director of the party Central's Committee's United Front Work Department, Li Wei-han, and the former director of the Central Committee's International Liaison Department, Mr Shieh Chung-shun.

Other members were Professor Ma Ying-chu, whose advocacy for birth control during the 1950s was much criticised, and Mr Liang Su-ming, who was personally attacked in the 1950s by Chairman Mao.