



## Mr Huang Xingguo Mayor of Tianjin

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Mr Huang was elected Mayor of Tianjin in 2008 after his 5 years' experience in Tianjin as Deputy Secretary of Tianjin Municipal Committee, Executive Vice Mayor of Tianjin and Acting Mayor of Tianjin.

Mr Huang is the highest ranking official in the Tianjin Municipal People's Government. The office of the Mayor is on the same level of a provincial governor in China and is equivalent to premier of a state government in Australia.

Before his appointment in Tianjin, Mr Huang had served a number of important positions which included Vice Governor of Zhejiang Province and Party Secretary of Ningbo City.

As the Mayor of one of the top five most competitive cities in China, Mr Huang has extensive experience in senior management, regulatory, legislative, legal and public policy.

Under his leadership Tianjin has undergone a rapid development with a 16.5 per cent increase of GDP in 2009 ranking second in China.

With a view to strengthening Tianjin's position as the economic centre of the Bohai Bay region, priority has been given to the development of the Binhai New Area in China's 11th Five-Year Plan. Tianjin Binhai New Area has become the growth engine for north China and it is expected to match the economic miracle achieved by Shanghai's Pudong in the 1990s and the Pearl River Delta's development in the 1980s.