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- Where is China Heading?

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When: Wednesday 9 November, 9.00-10.30 CET

Where: Webinar (Link to be sent to participants)

On Saturday 22nd of October China wrapped up the 20th CPC Congress. The Congress is a milestone in China's political and economic development and takes place every five years. At this congress Xi Jinping was approved for a third five-year term as General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party. Furthermore, during the Congress there were many changes in China's top leadership which send signals of China's political and economic course and direction over the next five years.

At this webinar hosted by Danske Bank and Danish-Chinese Business Forum (DCBF), we will look at the key takeaways from the Congress and present views on where China is heading. Professor and expert in Chinese politics, Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard will take stock of the changes in the top leadership and present his views on what it signals on China's political course. Danske Bank's China economist, Allan von Mehren will talk about the economic takeaways and give his view on where China's economic priorities and growth is heading. Finally, Chairman of DCBF Tom Behrens Sørensen will look at the Congress from a business perspective and share his expectations for the business environment going forward.

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09.00 - 09.05

Agenda

Welcome

Hans Henrik Pontoppidan, DCBF

09.05 - 09.25

Political signals and takeaways from the Congress

Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard, CBS

09.25 - 09.45

Takeaways from the Congress on where China's economy heading?

Allan von Mehren, Danske Bank

09.45 - 10.05

Where is China heading and what are the implications for foreign enterprises?

Tom Behrens Sørensen, DCBF

10.05 - 10.30

Q&A and panel debate

Moderated by Hans Henrik Pontoppidan, DCBF

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Speakers

Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard is Professor at the Department of International Economics, Government and Business. He is an internationally recognized authority on China's political economy, including state-Party-business relations and the role of the Communist Party of China in the current modernization process.

Allan von Mehren is Chief China Economist at Danske Bank and has 20 years of experience doing research on the global economy. He has focused on the economic and political developments in China. Prior to that he was Head of Global Macro research at Danske Bank for five years. In addition, Allan has experience from working for ATP pension fund as macro strategist and bond trader. He has a Master in Economics from Copenhagen University.

Tom Behrens-Sørensen, Chairman of Danish Chinese Business Forum since April 2019, has been associated with China since 1981 and has played a key role in developing Sino-Danish commercial relations. From 1994 through 2009, he led A.P. Moller-Maersk's successful expansion in China as Group Executive Vice President and Chairman of Maersk China Ltd. He is an Advisor on China to a number of multinational companies and as Non-Executive Director serves on the board of multinational companies in Europe and Asia.

Hans Henrik Pontoppidan has been Secretary General at DCBF since 2016. Before joining DCBF, he was a partner at Corporate Finance Deloitte for 15 years. Prior to that he, amongst others, opened Privatbanken A/S Beijing (now part of Nordea) and was responsible for the China operations of the bank from 89-93. Hans Henrik holds a MBA from City University London.

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