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The Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China opened in Peking with grandeur on April 1. Our great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung presided over today's session and made a most important speech.

The Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China is being held at a time when the great proletarian cultural revolution initiated and led personally by Chairman Mao has won great victory. This great revolution has prepared ample political, ideological and organizational conditions for the congress.

Chairman Mao and his close comrades-in-arms Comrade Lin Piao mounted the rostrum at 5 p.m. sharp. Prolonged thunderous applause resonated throughout the hall. The delegates cheered most enthusiastically "Long live Chairman Mao!" "We wish Chairman Mao a long, long life!" "Long live the Communist Party of China!" "Long live the victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution!" and "Long live the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung!"