With skill and will, Apec can forge a role at heart of economic integration

Zhao Jun calls for resolve to tap leadership potential by carrying out reforms and thinking big

T raditionalists in Beijing are often asked two questions: How will China change? and who will be in charge? This, after all, was the essence of the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution, both of which were launched by Mao Zedong and accompanied by violent change. The first question, as always, is usually glossed over as it is so hard to predict. But the second is now more relevant than ever with the upcoming second plenum of the 18th Communist Party Congress due to take place in late October.

As China enters a period of change, the question of leadership is now more important than ever. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that the political system needs change. The rules for choosing the next generation of leaders, for instance, are archaic and need to be updated.

The Apec principle should be regarded as a beacon of hope in such a time of change. The Apec principle is that all countries should respect each other’s views and be open to different perspectives. In other words, it is a principle of dialogue.

In the world of commerce, this principle is more important than ever. The world is becoming ever more complex, with countries becoming more interdependent. This means that, in order to succeed, countries need to work together.

The Apec principle should be a guiding light in the world of commerce. It is a principle that all countries should respect. It is a principle that helps to build a better world.