The Flag of People's Republic of China

The flag of the People's Republic of China has a red background with five golden stars ~ one large star with four smaller stars to the right in a semi-circle. The designer of the flag was inspired to put the stars on the flag after looking at the night sky and remembering the Chinese proverb "longing for the stars, longing for the moon."

According to the government, the red color of the background is symbolic of the revolution and the stars represent the unity of the Chinese people under the Communist Party of China. Some say that the four smaller stars represent the four social classes in China.

The flag was officially unveiled in Tiananman Square on October 1, 1949 at a ceremony announcing the founding of the People's Republic. Sometimes the flag is referred to as the "Five Star Red Flag".