

China to terminate all military paid services by 2018

The Central Military Commission (CMC) will terminate all paid services provided by the military by the end of June 2018, according to a military professor.

In the first stage, services in 10 fields should stop by the end of this June, said Jiang Luming, professor at the National University of Defense Technology in an interview with Xinhua.

The 10 fields are nursery education, press and publications, culture and sports, communications, personnel training, barrack projects, storage and transportation, militia armament repair, repair technology and driver instruction, he said.

Projects in another five fields – real estate rentals, agricultural products, accommodation services, medical care and scientific research – should be ceased by the end of June 2018, he added.

In February 2016, the CMC issued a circular urging the end of all paid services by the armed forces and the armed police.

Jiang said that the military has received support from local governments and courts.