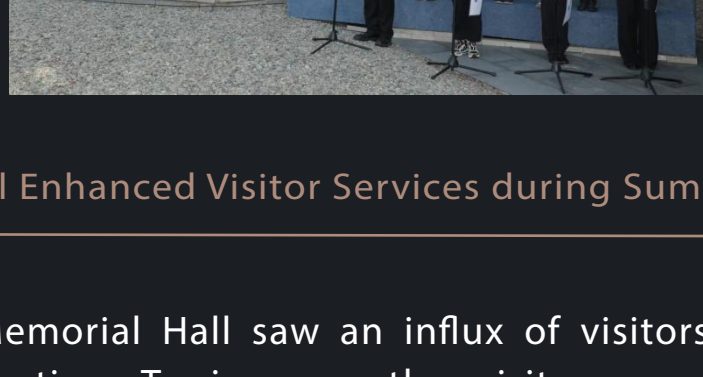




## Headlines

### Memorial Hall Held Event to Mark 87th Anniversary of China's Whole-nation Resistance War Against Japanese Aggression

On the morning of July 7, the Memorial Hall held an event to commemorate the 87th anniversary of the beginning of China's nationwide resistance war against Japanese aggression. A total of 87 representatives, including descendants of Nanjing Massacre survivors, members of the Chinese Young Pioneers organization in Nanjing, some visitors and Memorial Hall staff, attended the event. On July 7, 1937, the Japanese invaders attacked China and the whole world by launching an assault on the Lugou Bridge in Beijing, an event known as the Lugou Bridge Incident. The incident is widely recognized as the start of China's whole-nation resistance against Japanese invaders.



### Memorial Hall Enhanced Visitor Services during Summer Vacation

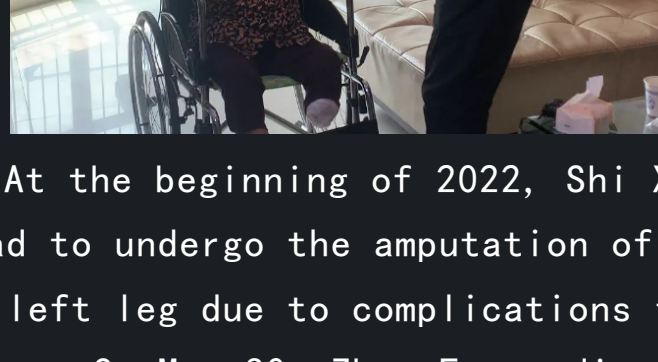
The Memorial Hall saw an influx of visitors during the summer vacation. To improve the visitor experiences, the Memorial Hall extended its opening hours (now open from 8:30 to 18:00) and implemented measures to mitigate heat and provide cooling. Additionally, volunteers, including members of the Communist Party of China and social volunteers, actively offered assistance to visitors.



## Farewell

### Nanjing Massacre Survivor Shi Xiuying Passed Away

Shi Xiuying, a survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, passed away in the early hours of July 12, at the age of 98. During the massacre, Shi's father and elder brother were captured and killed by Japanese soldiers. To support Shi and her siblings, her mother worked tirelessly, earning money by emptying chamber pots and doing laundry for others. From December 9 to 14, 2015, Shi traveled to Japan as a witness of the massacre, participating in witness assemblies in cities like Kumamoto, Nagasaki, and Fukuoka.



△At the beginning of 2022, Shi Xiuying had to undergo the amputation of her lower left leg due to complications from diabetes. On May 30, Zhou Feng, director of the Memorial Hall, visited Shi to extend blessings in advance of the Dragon Boat Festival, celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese lunar calendar.

### Memorial Hall Held "Lights Out" Ceremony to Honor the Passing of Five Nanjing Massacre Survivors

On the morning of July 18, the Memorial Hall hosted a mourning ceremony to honor five survivors of the Nanjing Massacre who passed away this year. The lightboxes of commemorating Cheng Fubao, Chen Guixiang, Liu Suzhen, Gao Ruqin, and Shi Xiuying were turned off as a mark of respect.



△Gao Ruqin, a Nanjing Massacre survivor, passed away this year. Her son (L) donated dozens of items left behind by her, including an advanced worker certificate she received while working at Nanjing Pharmaceutical Factory, to the Memorial Hall.

### Nanjing Massacre Survivor Zhou Zhilin Passed Away

Zhou Zhilin, who survived the Nanjing Massacre, passed away on July 20 at the age of 99.

Zhou was born on December 23, 1925. Zhou experienced the horrors of the massacre firsthand. During the atrocity, Zhou and his uncle encountered a squad of Japanese soldiers near their home in Luojiabian, Qilin Township, Jiangning District, Nanjing. Tragically, his uncle was bayoneted to death by the Japanese soldiers, while Zhou narrowly escaped by playing dead just ten meters away.

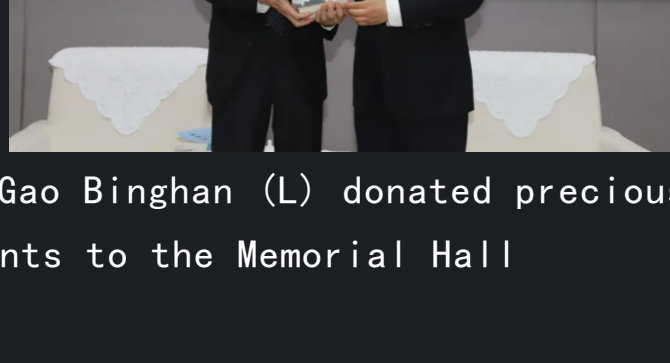


## Inheritance

### Lawyer from Taiwan Donated Precious Books to the Memorial Hall

Gao Binghan, a nearly 90 years old lawyer from Taiwan, was born in Heze City, Shandong Province, China in 1935. At the age of 13, he left his hometown for Nanjing and later moved to Taiwan. After the Taiwan authorities allowed family visits to the mainland in 1987, Gao made a firm decision to bring ashes of over 100 veterans back to their homeland. His dedication to this cause earned him the 2012 Touching China Award, an annual award that recognizes the country's most inspiring role models. On July 6, Gao visited the Memorial Hall, where he donated six volumes of precious books, newspapers, and handwritten correspondence. Among these were a record of Japan's invasion of China compiled by Liu Jian and the original verdict against Japanese war criminal Tani Hisao.

Before departure, Gao, unable to hold back tears, expressed his commitment to giving lectures in schools across Taiwan to educate young people about the history of the Nanjing Massacre.



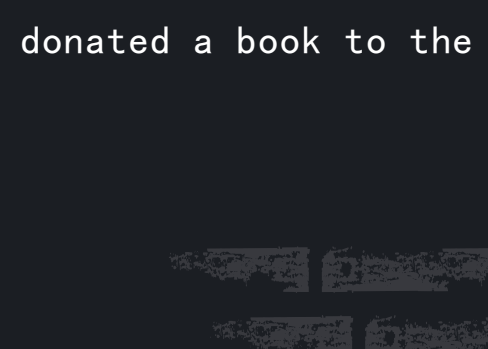
△Gao Binghan (L) donated precious documents to the Memorial Hall

## Aspirations

### Japanese "Peace Journey to China Delegation" Visited the Memorial Hall

On the morning of July 14, the Japanese "Peace Journey to China Delegation" made its 29th visit to the Memorial Hall.

Aoki Yuji, the head of the delegation, expressed concerns about Japan's current military policy and the growing trend of historical denial in the country. He emphasized that this visit reaffirmed the delegation's belief that Japanese militarists had indeed invaded China and that the Nanjing Massacre truly occurred, for which they expressed deep regret. Aoki stated that their mission is to prevent such tragedies from happening again by studying and understanding historical truths. By delving into history, the delegation seeks to foster friendship between China and Japan and to ensure peace for the future.



△Zhou Feng (R), director of the Memorial Hall, donated a book to the delegation