



## Headlines

### Memorial Hall Held Educational Event to Mark 79th Anniversary of Japan's Unconditional Surrender in WWII

On the morning of August 15, the Memorial Hall hosted an educational event to commemorate the 79th anniversary of Japan's unconditional surrender in World War II (WWII). Approximately 50 participants attended the event, including the descendants of Nanjing Massacre survivors, youth representatives and college volunteers in Nanjing, as well as youth representatives from mountainous regions in Yunnan Province, southwest China. Attendees watched a short film titled *Countdown to Surrender*, and later walked over to a wall featuring the handprints of veterans who fought in the war of resistance against Japanese aggression. In front of the wall, they placed their handprints and signed their names on a large "V" shaped panel symbolizing victory.

Li Yuhan, great-grandson of survivor Xia Shuqin and an inheritor of historical memories of the Nanjing Massacre, attended the event. "The bitter lessons of history must never be forgotten. As a descendant of survivors, I have an obligation to take up the responsibility of passing on the historical memory of the massacre and calling on the public to oppose war and cherish peace," Li remarked.



## Academic Discussions

### 2nd Seminar on Nanjing Massacre History Research by Young Scholars Held

On August 9, the second Seminar on Nanjing Massacre History Research by Young Scholars took place in Nanjing, under the theme "New Historical Materials, New Perspectives." The event gathered around 30 young scholars from 20 colleges and universities in China and abroad. They conducted academic discussions with expert guests on topics such as the Nanjing Massacre, Japan's aggression towards China and China's resistance against Japanese aggression, national commemoration for Nanjing Massacre victims, post-war investigation and trials, and Japanese puppet regimes.



## Delivering Care

### Memorial Hall Staff Members and Healthcare Workers Visited Survivors of the Nanjing Massacre

On August 17, staff members from the Memorial Hall, the Nanjing Aid Association for the Victims of Atrocities by Japanese Invaders, and healthcare workers from Jiangsu Women and Children Health Hospital, visited three survivors of the Nanjing Massacre: Huang Guilan, Ma Tingbao, and Wang Yilong. The healthcare professionals measured their blood pressure and sugar levels, inquired about their recent physical conditions, and documented the results in files dedicated to Nanjing Massacre survivors.

In 2018, the Memorial Hall and the Nanjing Aid Association for the Victims of Atrocities by Japanese Invaders partnered with Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital to establish a healthcare service team dedicated to Nanjing Massacre survivors. To support the survivors in leading healthy lives, the team provides regular door-to-door healthcare services and ensures fast access to medical treatment, including emergency care.



## Inheritance

### Memorial Hall Released Short Video Back to That Summer to Pay Tribute to Iris Chang

In the summer of 1995, Chinese-American writer Iris Chang traveled from the United States (US) to Nanjing, driven by a mission to uncover the historical truth behind the Nanjing Massacre. Armed with her camera, Chang meticulously documented the scenes she encountered in Nanjing, preserving invaluable footage. She extensively researched historical records related to the massacre and conducted numerous interviews with survivors. After returning to the US, Chang compiled these interviews and recordings into *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*. Published in 1997, 60 years after the massacre took place, the book exposed the atrocities committed by the Japanese invaders in Nanjing during WWII. Following its publication, the book elicited strong reactions in the West, topping *The New York Times* Bestseller list for non-fiction books for three months. Her work brought the truth of the massacre to the attention of mainstream Western society.

In the summer of 2024, the Memorial Hall released a short video *Back to That Summer*. We invite you to watch this film as a tribute to Iris Chang!

