



## Inheritance

### The Third Batch of Historical Memory Inheritors of the Nanjing Massacre Announced

On the occasion of China's Double Ninth Festival, the Memorial Hall held a certificate-issuing ceremony for the third batch of historical memory inheritors of the Nanjing Massacre. Nine descendants of Nanjing Massacre survivors, including Cao Yurong, Wang Jinqin, and Chen Rong, received their certificates and officially became "Historical Memory Inheritors of the Nanjing Massacre".

As time passes, survivors of the Nanjing Massacre are gradually passing away, with only 32 still alive today. Since 2022, the Memorial Hall has initiated the certification of historical memory inheritors to preserve historical truths and pass down the memories of the massacre. To date, three batches comprising a total of 32 individuals have been certified. These inheritors are second-, third-, and even fourth-generation descendants of survivors. When the number of survivors matches the number of certified inheritors at "32", it signifies that an increasing number of descendants are taking on the important responsibility of preserving and transmitting this historical memories.



△Survivors Ai Yiying and Liu Minsheng present certificates to historical memory inheritors



△Director Zhou Feng presents certificates to historical memory inheritors.

(Photo by Gu Wei)



△Group photo of survivors Ai Yiying and Liu Minsheng with the third batch of historical memory inheritors

### Descendants of Yue Yiqin, a Martyred Soldier in the Battle of Nanking, Trace Their Roots

"This is my sixth uncle!" exclaimed 75-year-old Yi Xiande as he immediately recognized Yue Yiqin in an old photograph displayed in the Historical Materials Exhibition Hall of the Memorial Hall.

The "sixth uncle" he referred to was Yue Yiqin, a martyr in the Battle of Nanking and one of the "Four Ace Pilots of the Air". On December 3, 1937, during the Japanese bombing of Nanjing, Yue Yiqin, the lieutenant deputy commander of the 21st Squadron of the 4th Squadron of the Chinese Air Force, engaged in aerial combat with Japanese planes. Tragically, he sacrificed his life for the country at the age of 23 after shooting down enemy aircraft.

87 years later, Yue Yiqin's nephew Yi Xiande and niece Yi Xianming traveled to Nanjing from the United States and Sichuan Province, respectively, to trace their uncle's footsteps and help restore the narrative of his short yet passionate life.



△Relatives of Yue Yiqin pause in front of an exhibition board about him in the Memorial Hall



△At the Victory Park of the Memorial Hall, they bowed and laid flowers in front of the black granite inscribed with Yue Yiqin's name

### Preserving Historical Memory Through Sound

During this year's National Day holiday in China, the Memorial Hall organized activities for Zijin Grass volunteers and visitors, using sound as a medium to jointly preserve historical memory. Events included the "Voices of Remembrance" recitation, the "Voices of Patriotism" artistic performance, and the "Voices of Peace" musical appreciation session.

Twelve students from the second grade of Nanjing Zhongying Middle School participated in reading The Diaries of John Rabe and The Diary of Minnie Vautrin. Although 87 years have passed, the collective identity of the "Children of Nanjing" continues to connect the victims of that time with the present generation. This "local" identity instilled in the students a profound sense of responsibility during the reading activities.

