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Editor's Note:

Dear readers and friends:

Spring is around the corner when you receive this issue of Nanjing International Peace Communication. Spring is when life's alive in everything, marking the beginning of a new season. The staffs of the Memorial Hall wish you happy every day!

Despite the shining sun over the world, we will never forget the darkest period in history. In Nanjing City in 1937, 300,000 Chinese were murdered by the invading Japanese troops. They never saw the spring of next year. In this issue, we will have a recap of the activities of the fifth state ceremony of the National Memorial Day for the Nanjing Massacre Victims held in December 2018.

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Headlines

China holds national memorial ceremony for Nanjing Massacre victims

China held a national memorial ceremony on December 13, 2018, to mourn the 300,000 victims of the Nanjing Massacre committed by Japanese invaders after the fall of the Chinese

capital in 1937. More than 8,000 people from all walks of life attended the ceremony. Xia Shuqin, Cen Honggui, Fu Zhaozeng, Ai Yiying, Ge Daorong and 5 other Nanjing Massacre survivors were seated in the front row. Chris Magee, the grandson of John Magee, an American missionary who filmed Japanese atrocities with his 16mm movie camera, were among the international friends that had been invited to attend the memorial ceremony.



The memorial ceremony began at 10 o'clock. The participants started to sing the national anthem The March of the Volunteers to the rhythms of the military orchestra.

At 10:01, as sirens howled over the city, all those present stood in silent tribute to mourn the victims of the Nanjing Massacre.

When the moment of silence was observed, eight large wreaths were presented to the memorial altar by guards of honor.

Wang Chen, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, delivered a speech. Following the speech, 81 teenagers read out a declaration of peace.



Six citizen representatives struck the Bell of Peace. One of them is Lin Boyao, a representative of the overseas Chinese and

the China-Japan Exchange Promotion Association. He devoted his life to exposing the historical truth of the Nanjing Massacre in Japan. In 2003, he and 13 other overseas Chinese raised funds to cast the Peace Bell.



Religious Service for World Peace Held

180 Buddhist monks from China and Japan held a religious service for world peace in front of the Wall of the Name List of Victims, also known as the Wailing Wall, in the Memorial Hall. They prayed, released the souls of the victims from purgatory, burned joss sticks and laid flower baskets.



Candlelight Vigil held at International Peace Rally

At 17:30 on December 13th, a candlelight vigil was held at the memorial square to mourn the massacre victims. Piotr Cywinsky, director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum of Poland, and Frederic Arment, president of the International Cities of Peace, were joined by more than 300 people to light the candlelight and pay homage.





Exhibition held

Nanjing Photo Exhibition by John Magee and His Grandson Chris Magee held

An exhibition entitled "History, Peace and Development, Nanjing Photo Exhibition by John Magee and His Grandson Chris Magee" was held at the Memorial Hall on December 13, 2018.

The exhibition has two protagonists. One is John Magee, one of the founders of the Nanking Safety Zone who risked his life to film the Japanese atrocities with a 16mm movie camera during the Nanjing Massacre to produce the only dynamic image that has been preserved to this day.

The other is his grandson, Chris Magee, a professional photographer, who visited Nanjing on multiple occasions to trace the places that appeared 80 years ago in his grandfather's video clips, such as the Yijiang Gate, the Drum Tower Hospital, the Jiangnan Cement Factory, the Qixia Temple and Nanjing Normal University, reflecting the changes and development of urban Nanjing through comparisons of the old and the new and completing a dialogue spanning time and space.





Events held

The third Gratefulness• Nanking Safety Zone Walk for Peace held

The 3rd "Gratefulness•Nanking Safety Zone" Walk for Peace went underway at Nanjing Normal University at 9:00 on the morning of December 2, 2018. The event was sponsored by the Memorial Hall. Chris Magee, grandson of John Magee, was joined by more than 300 people, including the members of the Nanjing Red Cross Society, to measure the footsteps and feels the big love of the international friends who stayed behind during the Nanjing Massacre to shelter tens of thousands Chinese civilians and disarmed soldiers.



Monument honoring inscription of Documents of Nanjing Massacre on Memory of World Register erected at Memorial Square

A monument honoring the inscription of Documents of

Nanjing Massacre on Memory of World Register was unveiled at the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Square on the morning of December 8, 2018. Xia Shuqin, a survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, unveiled the monument.



New book series on Nanjing Massacre released

New books series on the Nanjing Massacre *Do Not Forget History and Make a Joint Endeavor for the Lofty Cause of Peace* were released at the Memorial Hall on the morning of December 9, 2018. The book series contain 12 books in five volumes that reflect the history of the Nanjing Massacre and Sino-Japanese relations. They include *Peace Journey: Oral History by Japanese Friends*, *Exhibition of the Nanjing Massacre*, *Silence—Collections of the Memorial Hall of the Victims of the Nanjing Massacre*, *Archives of the Battle of*

Nanjing and In Search of Reconciliation between China and Japan.



Symposiums and Seminars

17th Forum on Historical Recognition and East Asian Peace held in Hiroshima

The 17th Forum on Historical Recognition and East Asian Peace was held in Hiroshima, Japan, on November 23, 2018. Ling Xi, deputy director of the Memorial Hall, Ge Fengjing, the second son of Ge Daorong, a survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, joined 164 experts and scholars from China, Japan and South Korea to face the historical truth and explore the path of maintaining peace in East Asia.



Symposium held on Japanese Invasion of China and Nanjing Massacre

History, Peace and Development, the Symposium on the Study of the Japanese Invasion of China and the Nanjing Massacre from Multicultural Perspectives was held in Nanjing on November 30, 2018. More than 80 experts and scholars from more than 20 universities, research institutes, archives and museums in China, Japan, Denmark and other countries attended the symposium. The event was sponsored by the Memorial Hall of the Victims in Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders and the Institute of Nanjing Massacre History and International Peace.



Third Sino-Japanese Peace Studies Dialogue held in Osaka

The Third Sino-Japanese Peace Studies Dialogue held in Osaka, Japan, on February 21, 2019. Sponsored by Japan Peace Society, Institute of International Studies, Ritsumeikan University and the Institute of Nanjing Massacre History and International Peace, the theme of this dialogue is "to look forward to the new era of East Asia: the possibility of Sino-Japanese peace studies.

Zhang Jianjun, director of the Memorial Hall, delivered a speech and shared his four suggestions for Sino-Japanese reconciliation and peace: 1. Correctly facing history is the foundation for solidifying the peace tree; 2. Keep objective and calm and do not give the Chinese history education an "anti-Japanese" label; 3. Focus on the future, attach importance

to the history education among younger generations; 4. Strengthen the non-governmental exchanges between China and Japan so as to promote mutual understanding.



The Memorial Hall's Warmth

College students refresh the names on the Wailing Wall

20 university student volunteers from Jincheng College of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Jinling Institute of Technology, and Nanjing Audit University refreshed the names on the Wailing Wall of the Memorial Hall in December 2018 against the cold wind.



Staffs of the Memorial Hall visit massacre survivors

Right before the arrival of the Spring Festival holiday in 2019, staffs of the Memorial Hall visited 90 massacre survivors to send them New Year greetings. Zhang Jianjun, director of the Memorial Hall, and deputy directors Lin Xi and Shi Pengcheng were joined by Zhang Lianhong, president of the Nanjing Massacre Victims Assistance Association, Li Xueqing, secretary general of the association, and over 280 volunteers of the Zijin Grass Leifeng Volunteer Service Team.

