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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

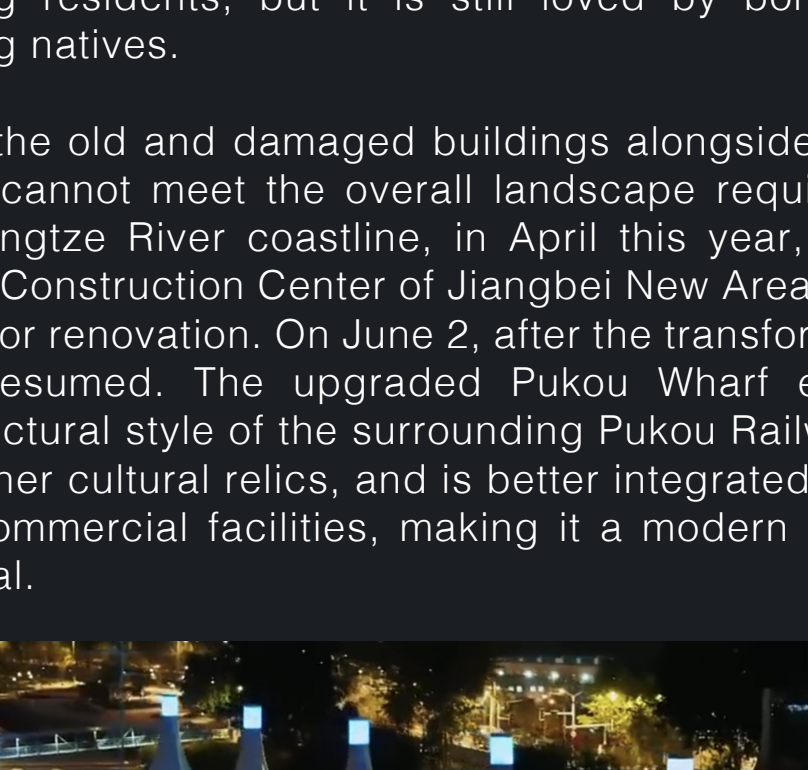
It's July in Nanjing, China. In this hot summer, no matter where you are on this planet, we are here to bring you recent peace messages. Here's the newsletter.

Headlines

1115 Nanjing Students Completed a "Lesson Before Going Abroad".

As of June 25, the first half of 2021 course of the "Lesson Before Going Abroad" jointly conducted by the Memorial Hall and Nanjing Education Bureau has ended. A total of 1115 prospective international students from 19 schools in the city have completed courses related to history and peace in the Memorial Hall, and they will shoulder the mission to become the seeds of peace and spread all around the world.

The students came to the Memorial Hall in batches for the "Lesson Before Going Abroad". They rang the Bell of Peace at the Memorial Hall, visited the Exhibition of Historical Facts on the Nanjing Massacre, and presented chrysanthemums to the victims of the Nanjing Massacre. They also followed the staff of the Memorial Hall to fold the paper Zijin Grass, the flower of peace, and listened to survivors of the Nanjing Massacre telling their stories. The "Lesson Before Going Abroad" teacher group, composed of history teachers from various high schools in Nanjing, taught them history and peace courses respectively. After the visit and the study, Zhang Jianjun, director of the Memorial Hall awarded the students the certificate of "Messenger of Peace", saying that they should "remember history, cherish peace, and make more contributions to the friendly exchanges among the people".

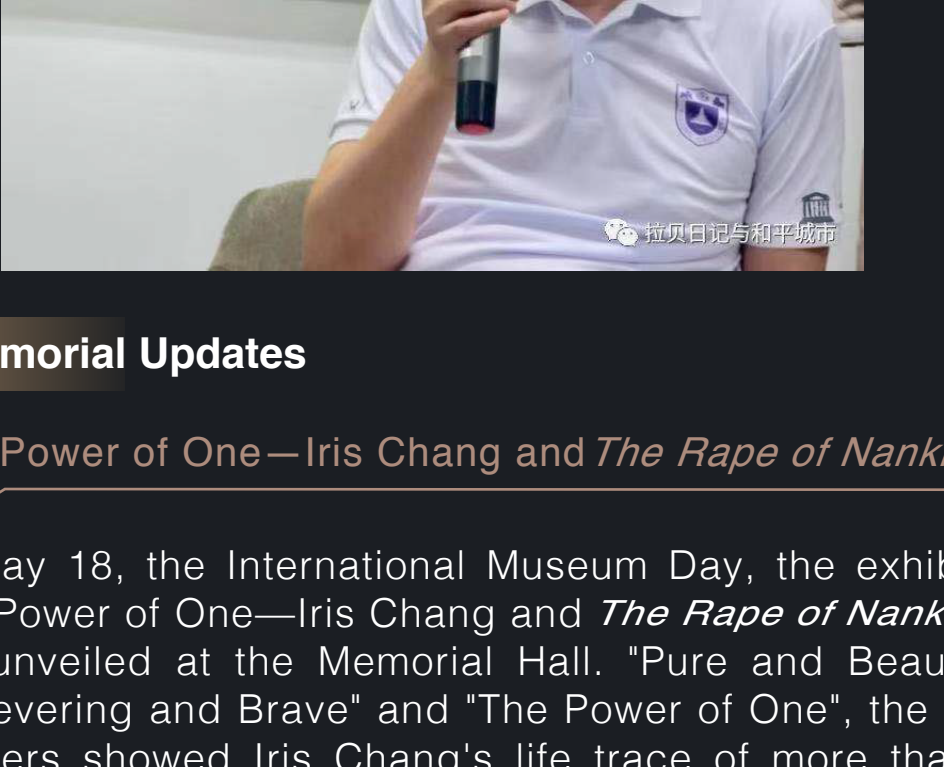


Pukou Wharf Upgraded to Resume Service

The Pukou Wharf on the north side of the Yangtze River in Nanjing has recorded the history of the ancient city and witnessed countless joys and sorrows, meetings and farewells. The Yangtze river side was the site of massacres of Chinese soldiers and civilians by Japanese troops in December 1937. Pukou on the north bank of the Yangtze was where very few Chinese was able to escape.

In 1968, the Nanjing Yangtze River Bridge was completed and opened to traffic, which greatly alleviated the demand for ferry and the passenger flow of the Zhongshan Wharf. Ferry crossing has gradually faded away among new Nanjing residents, but it is still loved by born-and-bred Nanjing natives.

Since the old and damaged buildings alongside the Pukou Wharf cannot meet the overall landscape requirements of the Yangtze River coastline, in April this year, the Public Works Construction Center of Jiangbei New Area closed the wharf for renovation. On June 2, after the transformation, the ferry resumed. The upgraded Pukou Wharf echoes the architectural style of the surrounding Pukou Railway Station and other cultural relics, and is better integrated in function with commercial facilities, making it a modern cruise ship terminal.

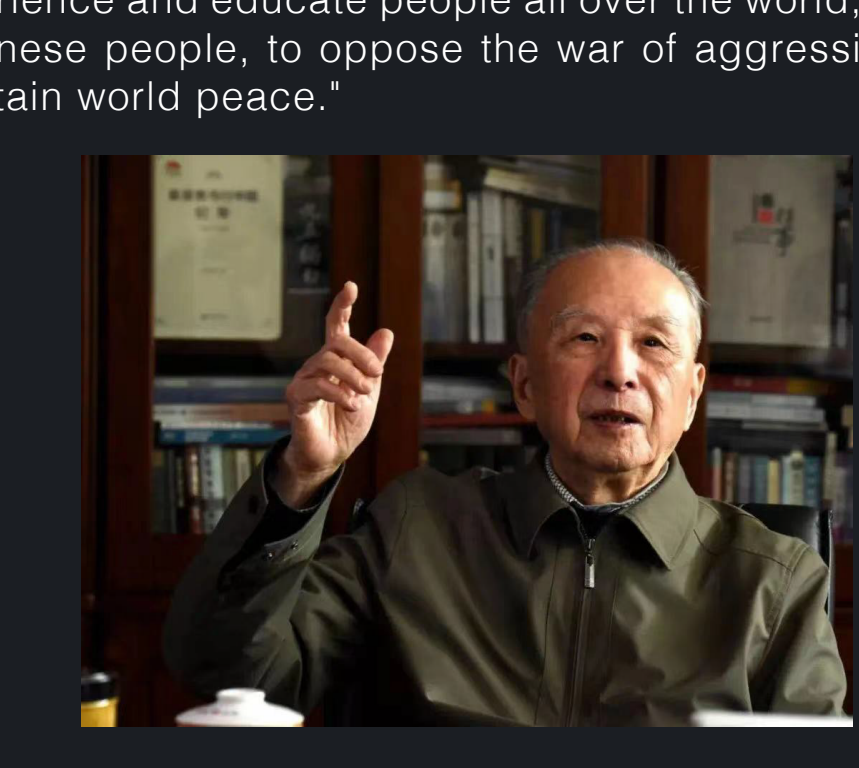
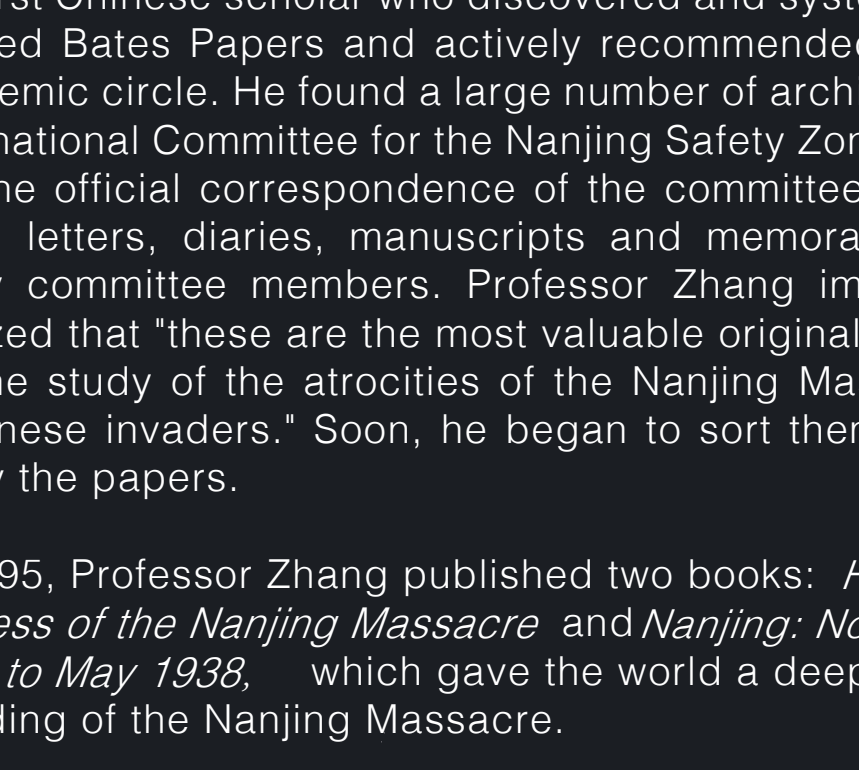


International Online Research "The Diaries of John Rabe and the City of Peace" Was Launched

On the afternoon of June 16, an international online scientific research project "The Diaries of John Rabe and the City of Peace", led by the School of Foreign Languages of Nanjing University was officially launched. The event was organized with the support of the UNESCO Chair on Peace Studies, John Rabe and International Safety Zone Memorial Hall of Nanjing University, University of Vechta and University of Heidelberg.

Professor Egon Spiegel from University of Vechta in Germany participated the meeting online. Professor Spiegel introduced to the students the status of peace studies in Germany based on his own research results, and wished the scientific research project a complete success.

Liu Cheng, Chairman of UNESCO Chair on Peace Studies and professor of the School of History at Nanjing University, discussed with students on "What is peace?" He called on everyone to learn the spirit of "volunteers for peace", to remember history and cherish peace, "as to forget history is to betray, and the pursuit of peace is the best memory and repair for the traumatic history."



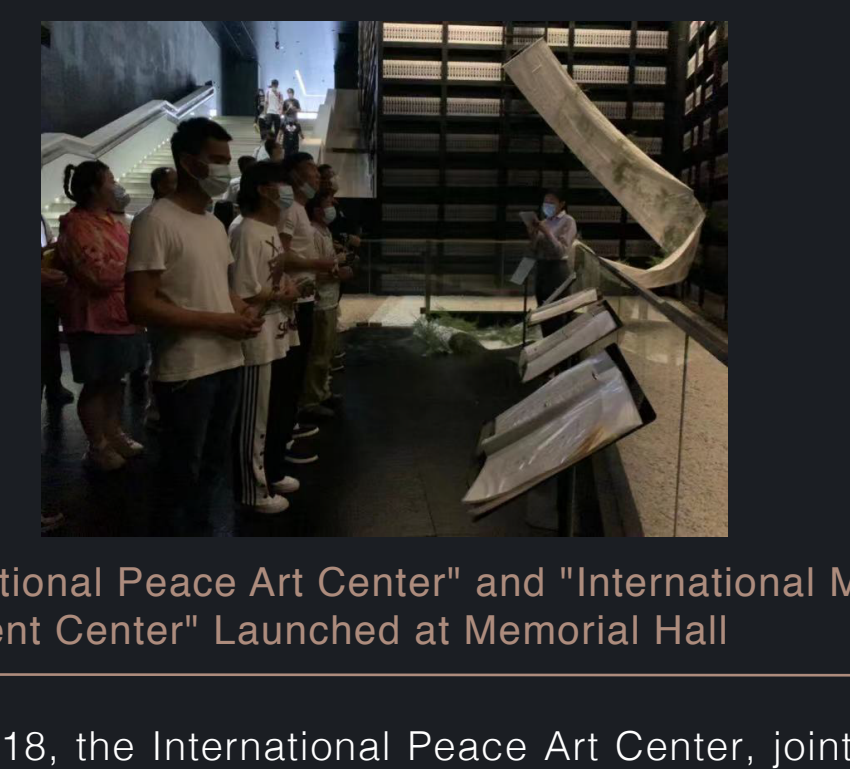
Memorial Updates

"The Power of One—Iris Chang and *The Rape of Nanking* " Unveiled

On May 18, the International Museum Day, the exhibition "The Power of One—Iris Chang and *The Rape of Nanking* " was unveiled at the Memorial Hall. "Pure and Beautiful", "Persevering and Brave" and "The Power of One", the three chapters showed Iris Chang's life trace of more than 30 years, showing her spirit of restoring the history of the Nanjing Massacre and defending justice and peace.

Iris Chang, with a strong sense of mission, responsibility and justice, wrote an English book about the Nanjing Massacre: *The Rape of Nanking* . More than 50 items used by Iris Chang or related to her were on display in this exhibition, among which 25 pieces (sets) were given to the Memorial Hall by Iris Chang's mother, Ms. Yingying Chang in December, 2000.

The exhibition used AI technology to restore Iris Chang's image and voice. Duan Yueping, former director of the Memorial Hall who accompanied Iris in her interviews, Yang Xiaming, professor of Jiangsu Academy of Governance, and Wang Weixing, researcher of Jiangsu Academy of Social Sciences came to the scene. "I admire her very much. She was so young and had made such a great contribution to justice and peace of the world," Duan said.



A Lifelong Pursuit of Truth and Peace: Chinese Scholar Zhang Kaiyuan Passed away

Zhang Kaiyuan, a renowned Chinese historian and educator died at the age of 95 at 8:15 on May 28 in Wuhan, China. Mr. Zhang Kaiyuan carried out a fruitful study on the history of the Nanjing Massacre based on the "Bates Papers ".

M.S.Bates was an American missionary and historian. During the Nanjing Massacre, he was a professor of history at Jinling University (now Nanjing University), in charge of protecting the university property. He actively advocated and participated in the establishment of the International Committee for the Nanjing Safety Zone, and did a lot of hard work to expose the atrocities of the Japanese army and protect the Chinese refugees. After Bates' death, all of his papers were transferred to the Divinity School Library of Yale University for preservation. The Yale Divinity School Library named it "Bates Papers" in the China Records Project, Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection in the library's Special Collection. Professor Zhang Kaiyuan was the first Chinese scholar who discovered and systematically studied Bates Papers and actively recommended it to the academic circle. He found a large number of archives of the International Committee for the Nanjing Safety Zone, including the official correspondence of the committee and personal letters, diaries, manuscripts and memorandums of many committee members. Professor Zhang immediately realized that "these are the most valuable original materials for the study of the atrocities of the Nanjing Massacre by Japanese invaders." Soon, he began to sort them out and study the papers.

In 1995, Professor Zhang published two books: *Historical Witness of the Nanjing Massacre* and *Nanjing: November 1937 to May 1938*, which gave the world a deeper understanding of the Nanjing Massacre.

Professor Zhang said more than once: "We recall the past full of terror and crime not for revenge but to seek the truth and justice. At the same time, we learn from the historical experience and educate people all over the world, including Japanese people, to oppose the war of aggression and to maintain world peace."

Nanjing Massacre survivors Qi Zhen'an and Jin Tonghe Died

Qi Zhen'an, a survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, died on April 30 at the age of 91. Jin Tonghe, another survivor of the Nanjing Massacre, died on May 18 at the age of 92. Only 66 people are registered as living survivors.

Qi Zhen'an recalled: "The Japanese cavalry caught up with us. A Japanese soldier intended to rape my elder sister. He tied the horse rope to his body and tried to take off the pants of my sister. She kept crying for help. My aunt opened an umbrella trying to keep her face from seeing the soldier. The sound of the umbrella scared the horse away, dragging the bastard. Saved, we knelt down to thank our god."

Jin Tonghe recalled: "At that time, I was only 8 years old. My father was captured and killed by the Japanese army. How will our family live? The old and the young were miserable and helpless. My mother supported our family by doing small businesses."

From National Feelings to World Memories: Archives of the Nanjing Massacre at Fingertips

On June 9, International Archives Day, the Memorial Hall set up a "Flower Language" exhibition in front of the archives wall, and selected four groups of precious materials from "Archives of the Nanjing Massacre" for the visitors. The precious archives were at hand.

"International Peace Art Center" and "International Museology Document Center" Launched at Memorial Hall

On May 18, the International Peace Art Center, jointly built by the Memorial Hall and Nanjing University of The Arts was inaugurated. The center will use art as a medium to send out the sound of peace from Nanjing to the world. The International Museology Document Center was also inaugurated on the same day.