

Learning from History, Advancing for Peace

—The 5th China-Japan YWCA "Nanjing Peace Pilgrimage" Concludes Successfully

From September 21st to 25th, 2025, the [5th China-Japan YWCA “Nanjing Peace Pilgrimage”](#), hosted by YWCA China, was successfully held in Nanjing. This peace education exchange program has been jointly promoted by YWCAs of [China](#) and [Japan](#) since 2007. The program is guided by core concept: centering on youth and taking positive reflection and sincere dialogue as its main contents. This year's theme is “Warmth and Hope through Peace”. There are around 40 representatives, from Tokyo, Yokohama, Kyoto, Nagoya, Sapporo (Japan) as well as the local YWCAs and YMCAs of China.

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, YWCAs of China and Japan hope to further leverage the role of civil society in advancing the establishment of people-to-people friendly relations between the two countries. YWCAs of China and Japan aim to encouraging youth to inherit the wisdom of "learning from the past to guide the future," and to assume responsibility for building peace based on the mutual understanding of "confronting history and creating the future."

The program was characterized by its foundation in understanding and respect, with culture and history serving as its medium. The program fully demonstrated how civil society "sows hope through action." through multi-dimensional, multi-form, multi-generational and diversified activities, including roundtable dialogues, thematic lectures, social service experiences, on-site visits, commemorative videos, peace-themed paintings, music, and art. The program emphasized the importance of not only facing history squarely, but also awakening the public to learn from history, so as to strive together for a better future.

YWCA China and YWCA Japan are committed to understanding history, jointly undertaking the social responsibility of awakening youth, strengthening cooperation and continuing to make efforts for mutual trust and friendship between China and Japan.

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