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我们国家是中国共产党领导的社会主义国家,有着悠久的历史,创造了灿烂的文明。中国共产党带领中国人民在革命、建设和改革的伟大实践中奋勇抗争、艰辛探索、顽强奋斗,中华民族迎来了从站起来、富起来到强起来的伟大飞跃。经过长期努力,中国特色社会主义进入了新时代。现在,我们比历史上任何时期都更接近实现中华民族伟大复兴的目标。只要我们一心跟党走,齐心协力,共同奋斗,中华民族伟大复兴的中国梦就一定能实现。

翻开这本书,我们将学习习近平新时代中国特色社会主义思想。在这里,我们可以感受祖国的大好河山、历史文化和发展成就,了解中国共产党带领人民走过的辉煌历程,体验新时代、新变化,懂得实现中国梦需要每个中国人的参与。

在这里, 我们还将一起思考、认识和领会作为一名少

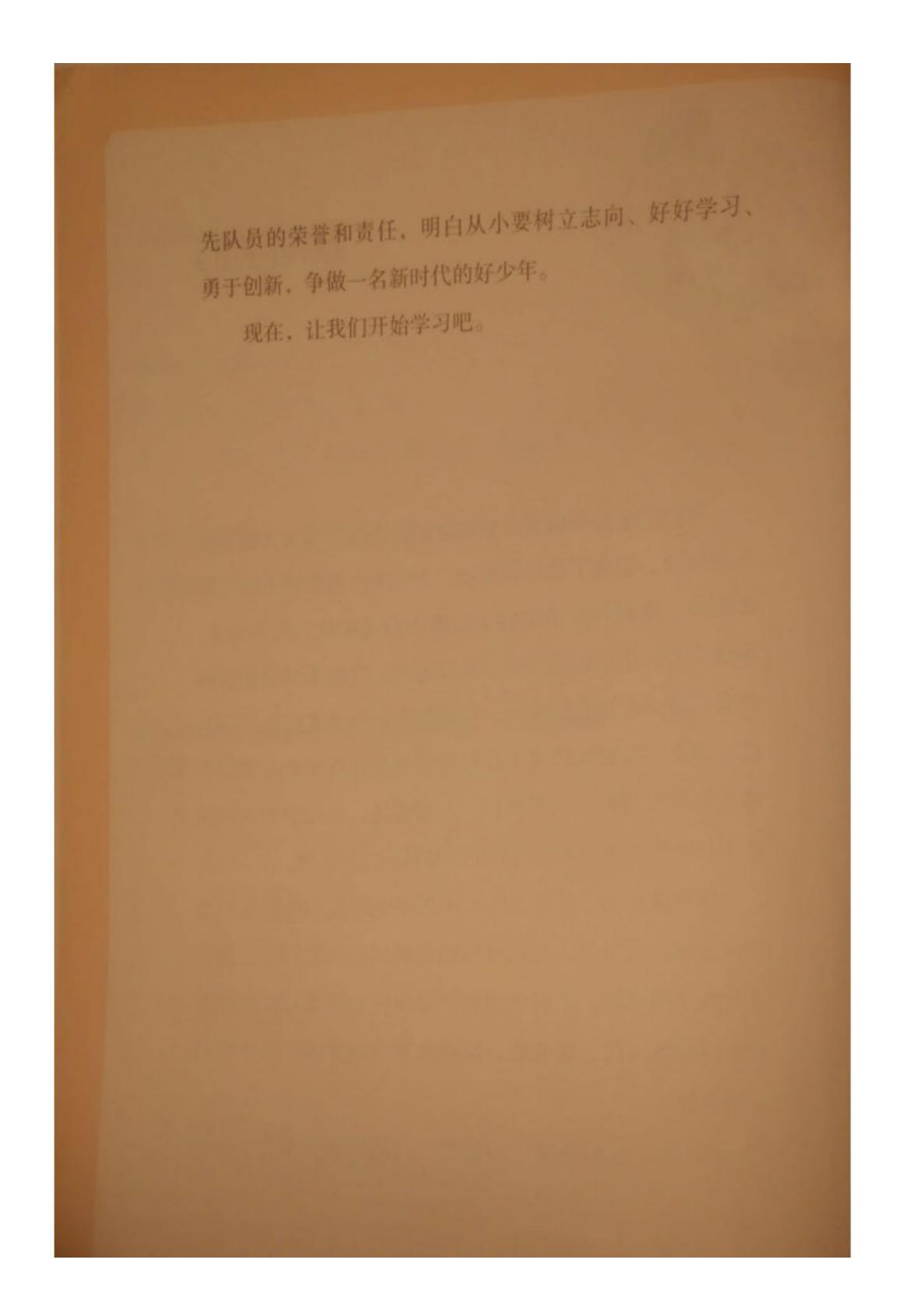
To Fellow Students

Our socialist nation is one that is led by the CCP; we have a long and storied past, during which we have created a vibrant civilization. Led by the CCP, the Chinese people have -through glorious revolution, reconstruction, and (economic) reform -- fought for the great leap of the Chinese race*; as a result, the country now stands proud: becoming wealthy and strong. Through continuous struggle, socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered into a new era. Now, compared to any other time in history, we are ever closer to the realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. As long as we follow the leadership of the Party, we can together make the Chinese Dream a reality.

Throughout this book, we will study XJP's thoughts on New Era Socialism with Chinese Characteristics. Herein, we will experience our motherland's beautiful landscape, history, culture, and achivements; as well as understanding the spectacular journey of our people, led by the CCP. We will experience the new era, new change, and conclude that the realization of the Chinese Dream requires the participation of everyone.

Moreover, we will think, recognize, and realize that being a member...

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... of the Young Pioneers is an honour and a responsibility. We have to understand that, from youth, we have to establish goals, study hard, experiment bravely, in hopes of becoming an Expemplary Youth in the New Era.

Now, let the learning begin.

* Translators' Note: It would be remiss not to mention that, within canonical Chinese propaganda, the notion of "race" does not refer to any particular ethnicity. It, rather, signifies all of citizens of China. "Chinese race," therefore, is synonymous with "Chinese citizens/nation." We will be using these terms interchangeably hereafter for the sake of variety.

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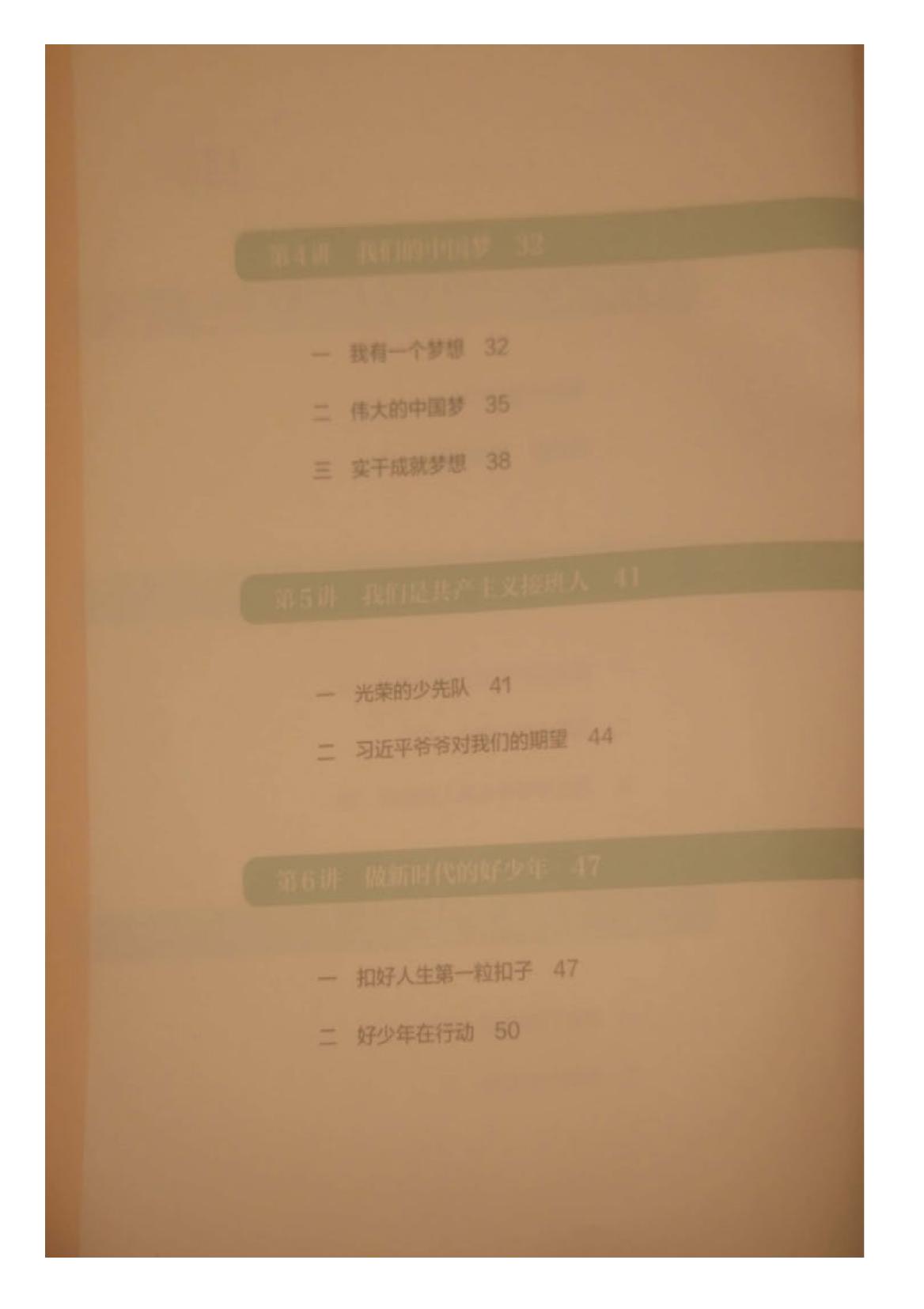
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美丽中国是我家

在世界东方,有一个伟大的国家叫中国,她的全称是中华人民共和国,她就是我们的祖国。我们都是中国人,我们每个人都深爱着祖国,就像习近平爷爷说的,"爱国,是人世间最深层、最持久的情感,是一个人立德之源、立功之本"。



10月1日是我们的国 庆节。这一天,全国人民 欢庆祖国生日,祝愿祖 国繁荣富强。2019年10 月1日,习近平爷爷和20 多万军民在北京天安门共 同庆祝中华人民共和国成 立70周年。

1st Lesson I Love You China

1.1 - Beautiful China is My Home

In the Orient stands a great nation called China. Her full name is the People's Republic of China -- our motherland. We are all Chinese: each one of us deeply love our homeland, as XJP proclaims, "Patriotism is the deepest and longest-lasting emotion of this world. It is the the source of one's morals and the foundation of one's achievements."

Oct 1st is our National Day. On this day, the whole nation celebrates the birthday of our beloved country, and wishes her to be strong and prosperous. On Oct 1st of 2019, Grandpa XJP, along with 200k troops and citizens, commemorated the 70th anniversary of the founding of the PRC at Tiananmen Square.



Our flag, anthem, and state emblem symbolize our nation. Our flag is the Five-Star Red Flag. The five stars on the flag and their relations with each other symbolize the great revolutionary union of our people under the leadership of the CCP. In the center of our emblem, underneath the five stars, is the Tiananmen Square, surrounded by wreaths of grain and gear.

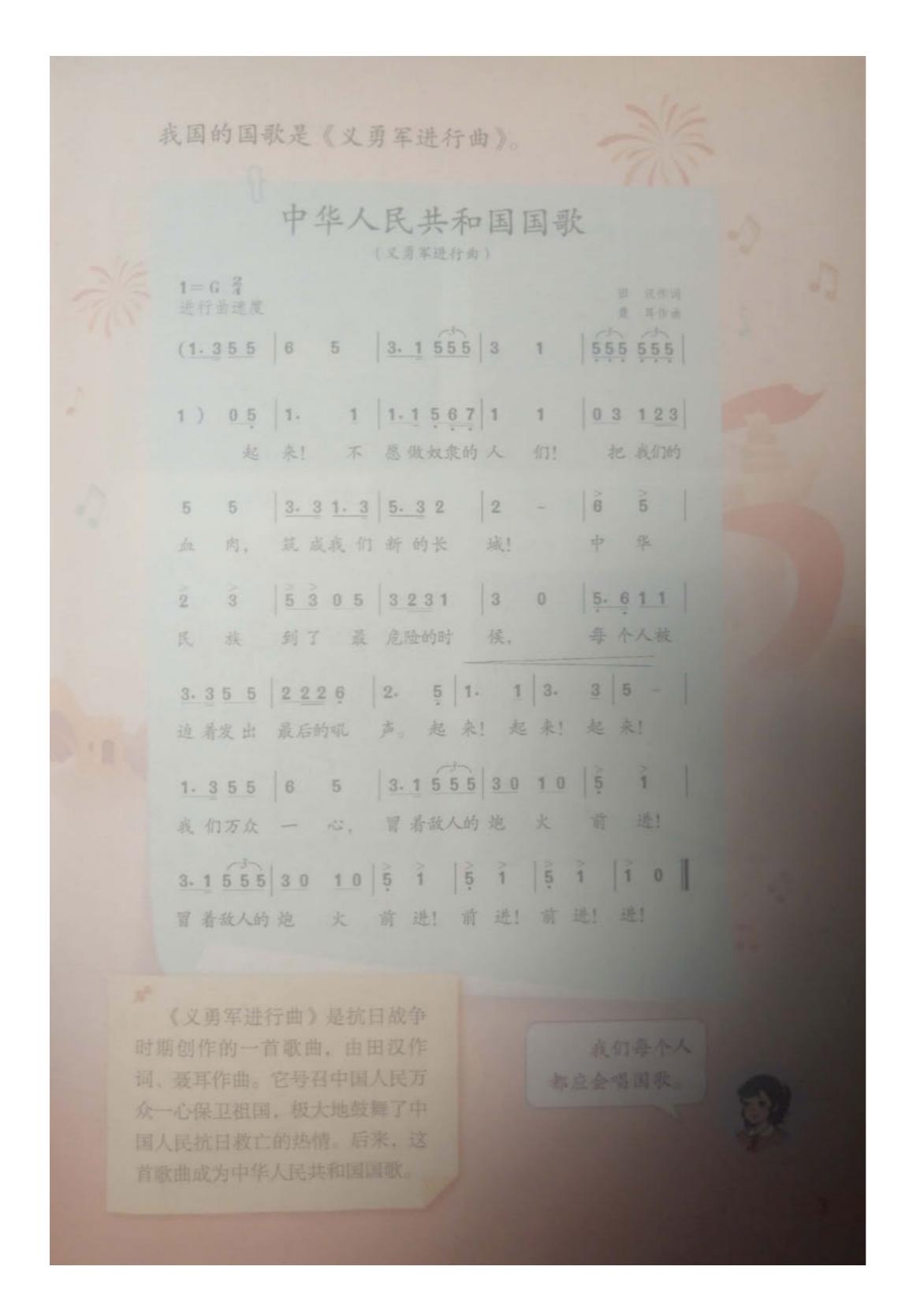
Waving Red Flag (abridged)

Five Star Flag, you're my pride

Five Star Flag, I'm proud of you

I celebrate you, I wish you the best

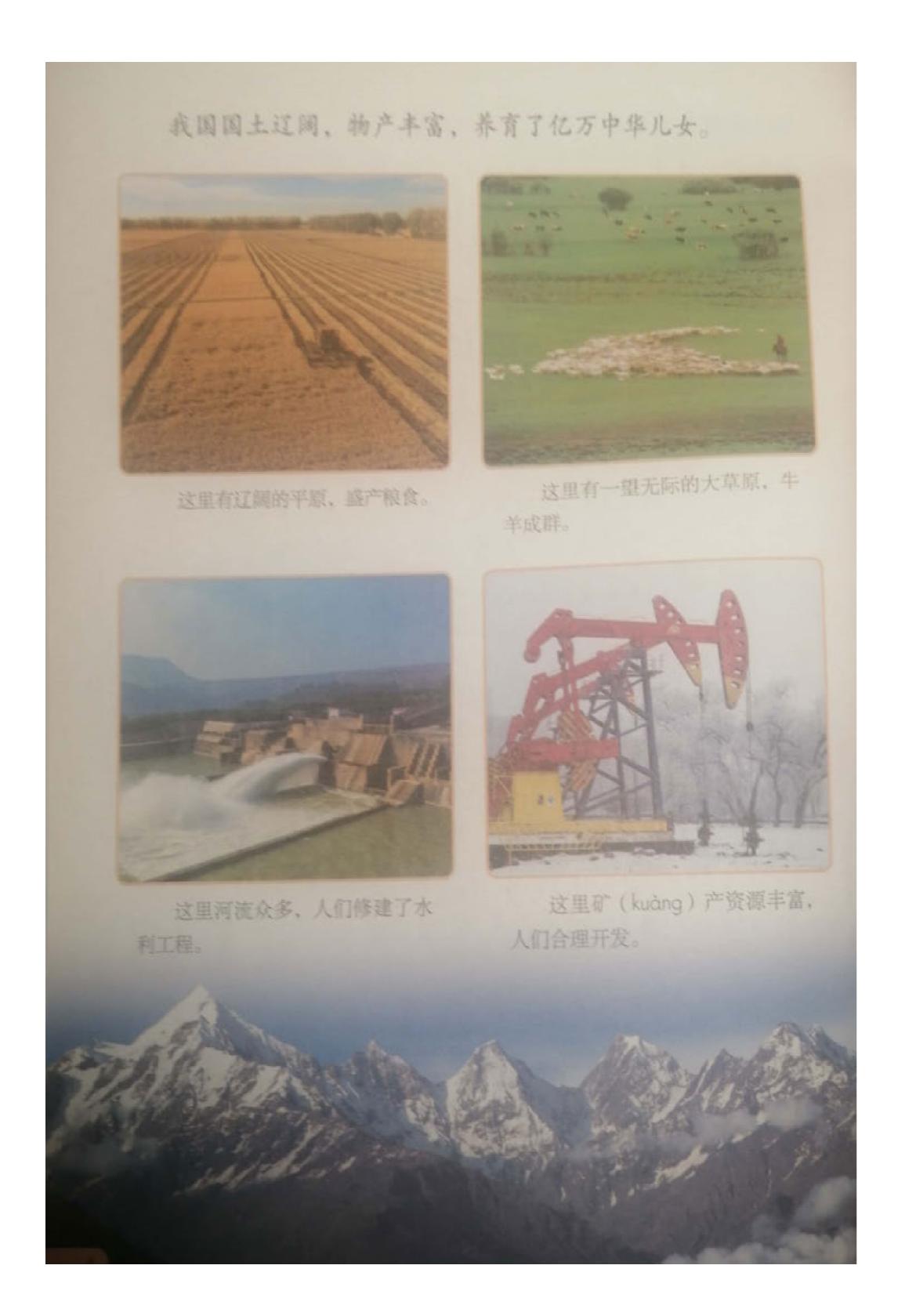
Your name, more important than my life We have to respect and protect our flag and emblem.



Our national anthem is the "March of the Volunteers."

"March of the Volunteers" was written during the struggle against Japanese occupation (words by Tian Han, melody by Nie Er). The song calls on the Chiense people to protect the motherland; it greatly boosted people's resolve and morale against the Japanese. Eventually, the song became the anthem of the PRC.

Everyone of us should be able to sing the anthem.

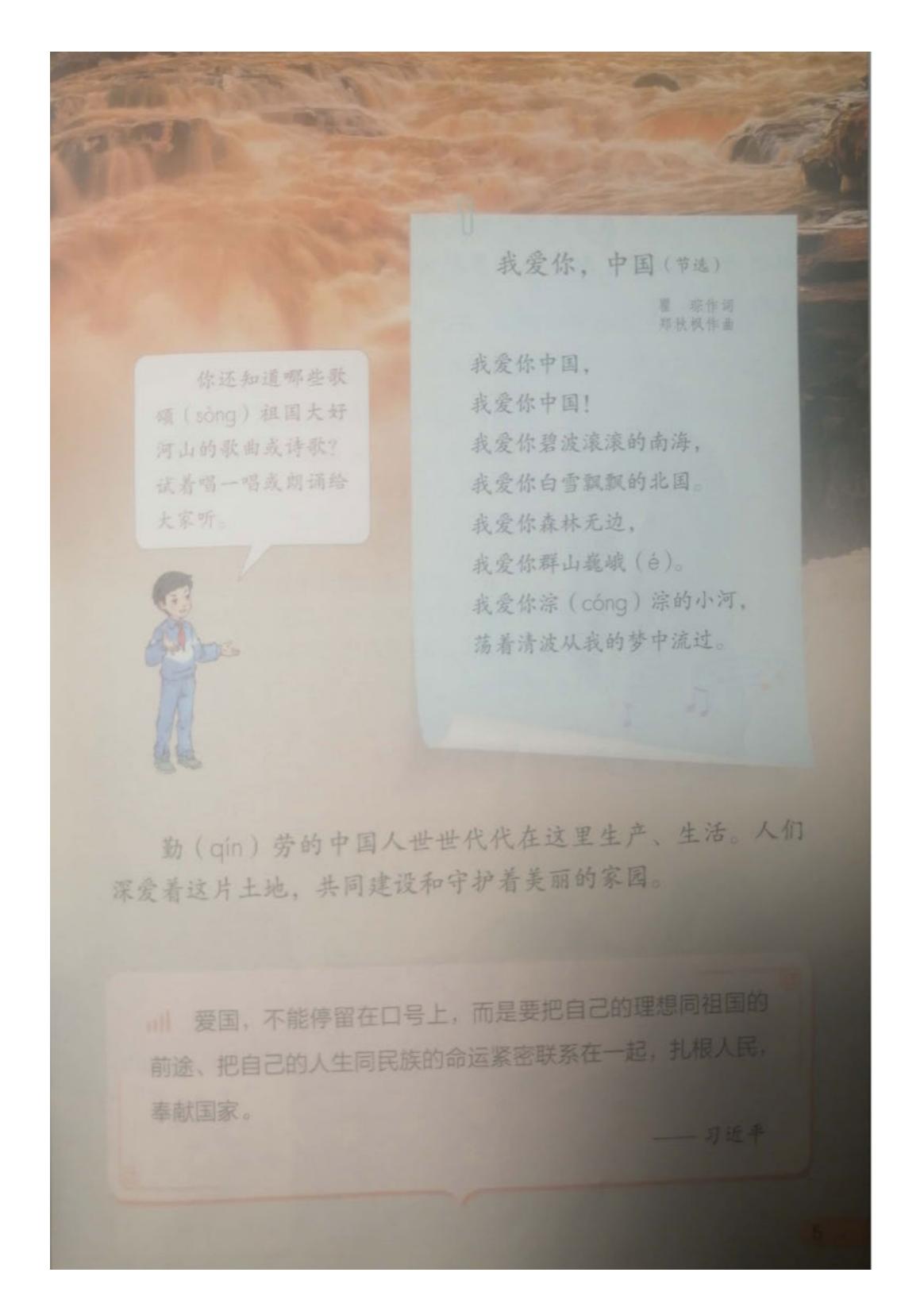


Our country is vast in territory and rich in resources, helping to raise millions of Chinese sons and daughters.

Here, we have expansive plains, producing a great deal of agricultural products.

Here, we have grasslands that extends as far as eyes can see, where cattle roam in droves.

Here, we have great many rivers, on which people have built dams and canals. Here, we have rich mineral resources; people have developed it conscientiously.



I Love You, China (abridged)

I love you China, I love you China!

I love your rolling southern seas, I love your pure northern snow.

Do you know

any other patriotic songs

or poems?

Share them with the class.

I love your infinite forests, I love your proud peaks.

I love your flowing creeks,

that stream gently in my dreams.

For generations, industrious people of China have worked and lived on the lands. People love the country very much, working together to build and protect their beautiful home.

Patriotism does not stop at mere slogans. It is a contract that binds our dream and destiny with those of the nation and its poeople... it binds the people to the service of the nation.

-- XJP



1.2 - I'm Proud; I'm Chinese

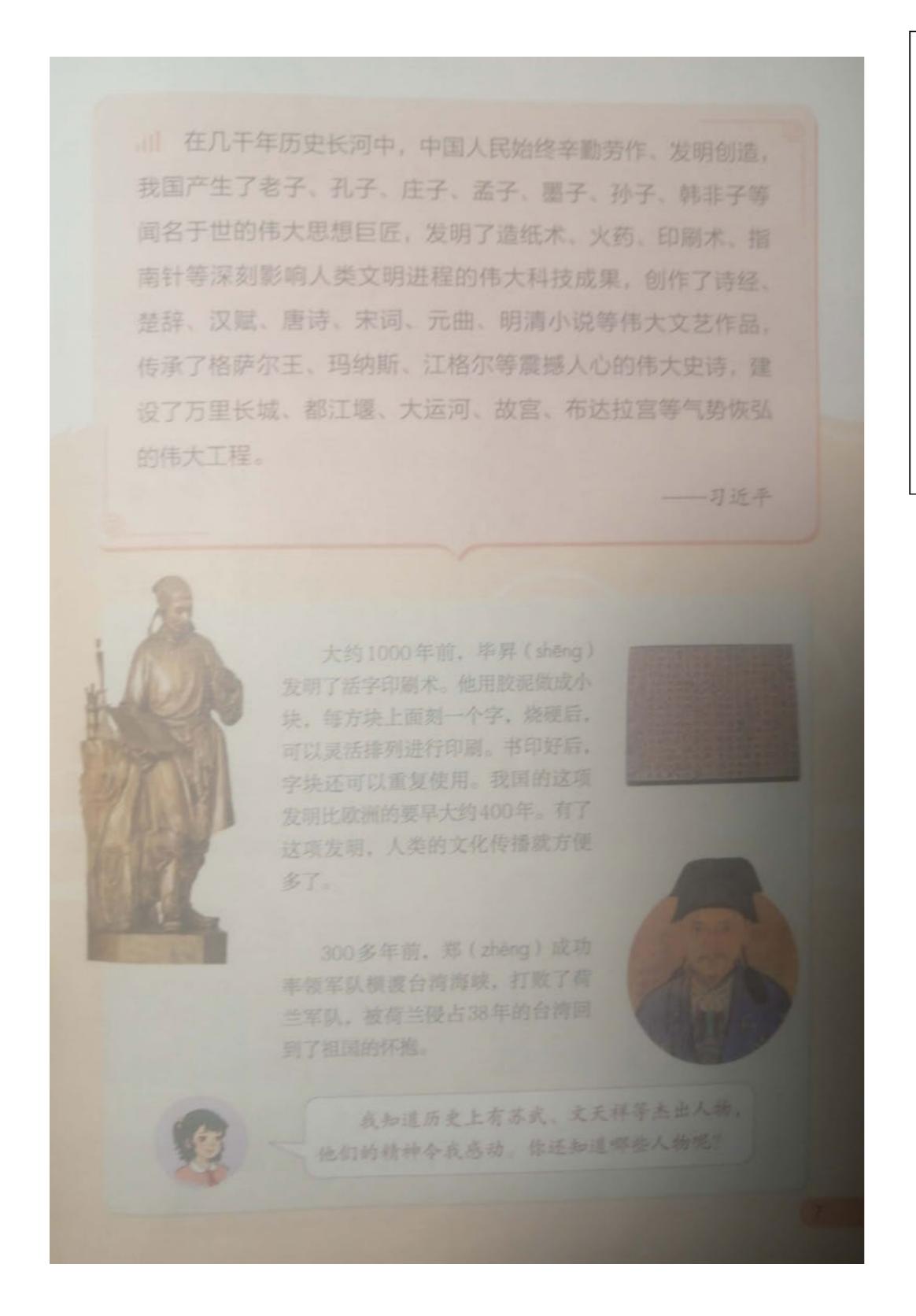
The history of China spans 5,000 years. It is a story of a people coming together from different ethnicities to create an illustrious civilization. In the process, the country spawned many world-changing achivements, and nurtured countless great figures of history.

Many idioms we use today came from the Analects of Confucius. Such as "review the old to know the new" and "don't be afraid to learn from one's subordinates."

Confucius is a noted thinker and educator who lived ~2,500 years ago. His book, the Analects, is composed of his sayings. His thoughts have produced profound impact on the Chinese civilization.

This is the famed Great Wall of China. Today, whenever someone mentions China, he or she will think of it.

The Great Wall is the result of Chinese people's industrious spirit and patriotic feelings -- an important symbol of our people.



The annals of China's thousand-year history is replete with examples of the industriousness and ingenuity of its people. Our country produced numerous prominent thinkers*, world-changing inventions*, and great works of literature*. We are the heirs of many an epics* of history; we are the builders of fantastic feats* of engineering.

-- XJP

* *Translators' Note:* The original quote includes many examples. These are excluded for the sake of brevity and, of course, ease of translation.

1,000 years ago, Bi Sheng invented the printing press. He first procured blocks of clay, then onto which he inscribed different characters. After firing, the hardened blocks were then arranged to create a plate that can be pressed to print a page. After printing, these blocks can then be reused. China invented this technology ~400 years before the Europeans. With this invention, the spread of knowledge for the human race is easier than ever.

300 years ago, Zheng Chenggong crossed the Taiwan strait with his troops and successfully defeated the Dutch army. After 38 years of occupation, Taiwan was once again reunited with the motherland.

> I know of great figures of history like Sun Tzu and Wen Tianxiang, and am deeply moved by their fortitude. Do you know any other famous historical figures?



70 years since the founding of the PRC, we are proud of the country's glorious achievements; as a Chinese, I am proud.

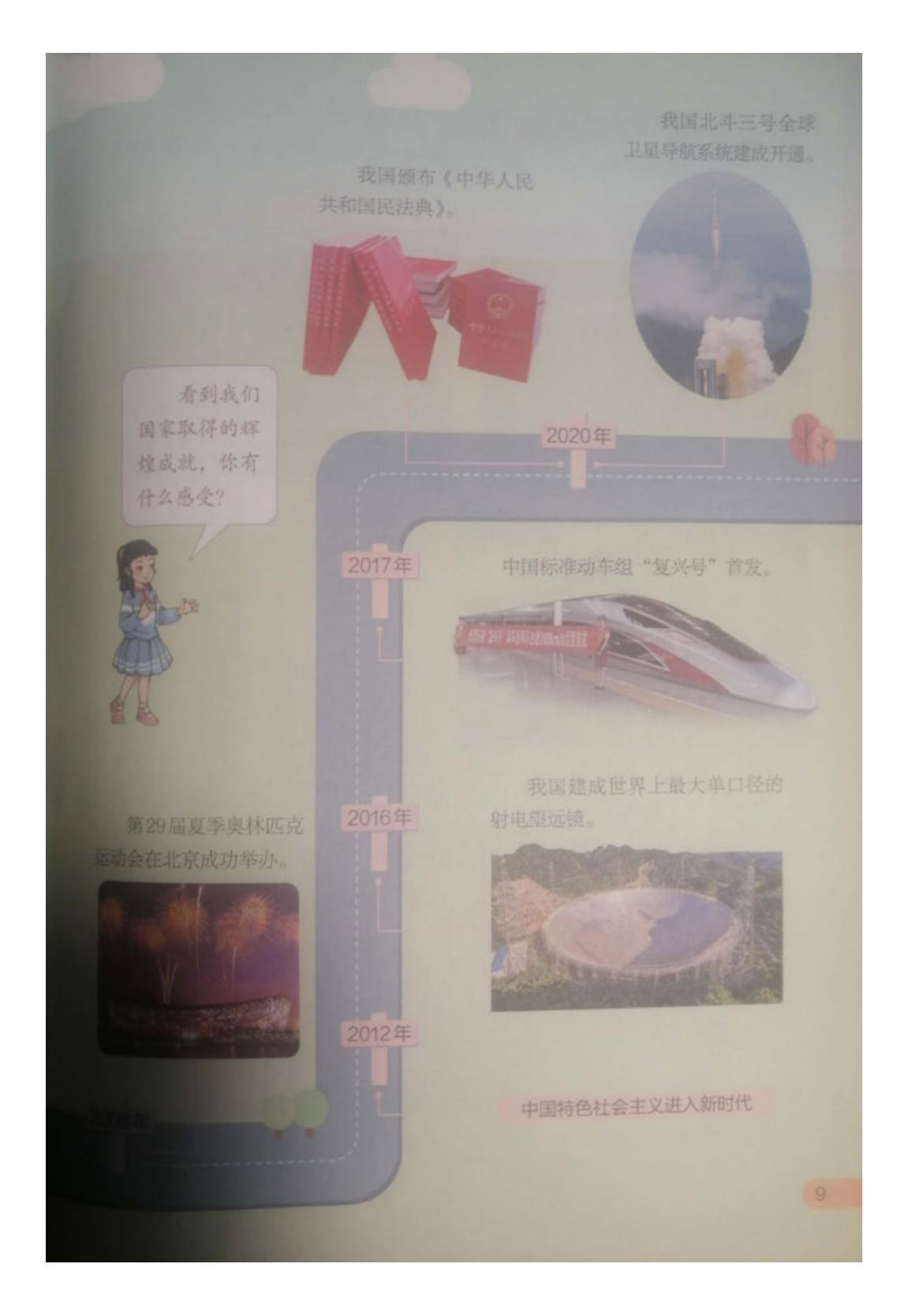
1949 Founding of the PRC Constitution of the PRC was 1954 published China's first atomic bomb was 1964 successfully detonated China successfully synthesized 1965 Crystalline Bovine Insulin, the world's first synthetic protein China's first satellite "Dong Fang 1970 Hong 1" was successfully launched China began economic reforms 1978 Shenzhen Special Economic Zone was founded

Hong Kong & Macau reunited with

the motherland

1997

1999



After seeing our country's glorious achievements, how do you feel?

2008 Beijing Summer Olympics was successfully organized

2012 Socialism with ChineseCharacteristics entered into New Era

2016 China successfully constructed the world's largest radio telescope by diameter

2017 Fuxing high speed train entered service

2020 Publication of Civil Code of the PRC

2020 Beidou-3 Navigation Satellite System sucessfully entered service



2nd Lesson Following the Party with All Your Heart

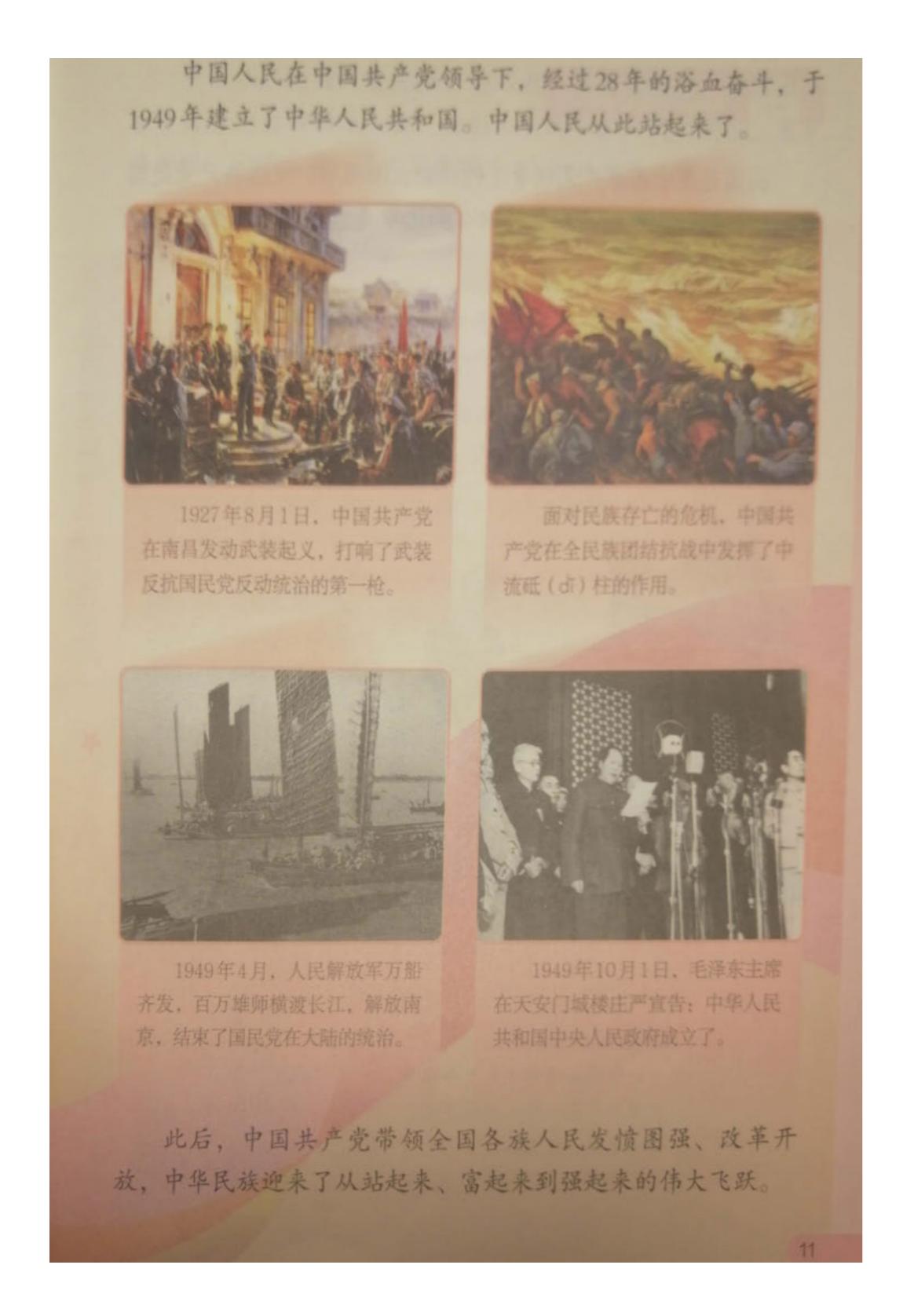
2.1 - There's No New China Without the CCP

180 years ago, the imperial Qing government of the time was corrupt and impotent. When China was invaded by the Great Powers, the people suffered. Countless forefathers fought back for the revitalization of the nation. In 1921, the CCP was founded, and the face of the Chinese anti-imperial revolution was changed anew.

July 1st commemorates the founding of the CCP

(The site of the first National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party)

This is the flag of the CCP, whose canton is embellished by the golden emblem of the Party



Chinese people under the leadership of the CCP, after 28 years of blood-filled struggle, founded the PRC in 1949. Chinese people have since stood proud.

August 1st, 1927, the CCP staged an armed uprising in the city of Nancang, where first shot of revolution was fired in the struggle against Kuomintang's reactionary rule.

Facing life and death of the Chinese nation, the CCP, as a bulwark of the resistence, united people of all ethnicities to fight against the (Japanese) occupation.

April of 1949, the
People's Liberation
Army crossed the
Yangtse with a flotilla
of thousands, along
with an army
numbering hundreds
of thousands, and
liberated Nanking -thus ending
Kuomintang's rule in
the mainland.

October 1st, 1949,
Chairman Mao
Zedong, on the
rampart of the
Forbidden City,
ceremoniously
announced: "Central
People's Government
of the People's
Republic of China is
founded."

Since, the CCP has led the country's people, regardless of ethnicity, to rebuild, and to reform. The Chinese nation has hence witnessed the great leap of becoming proud, wealthy, and strong.



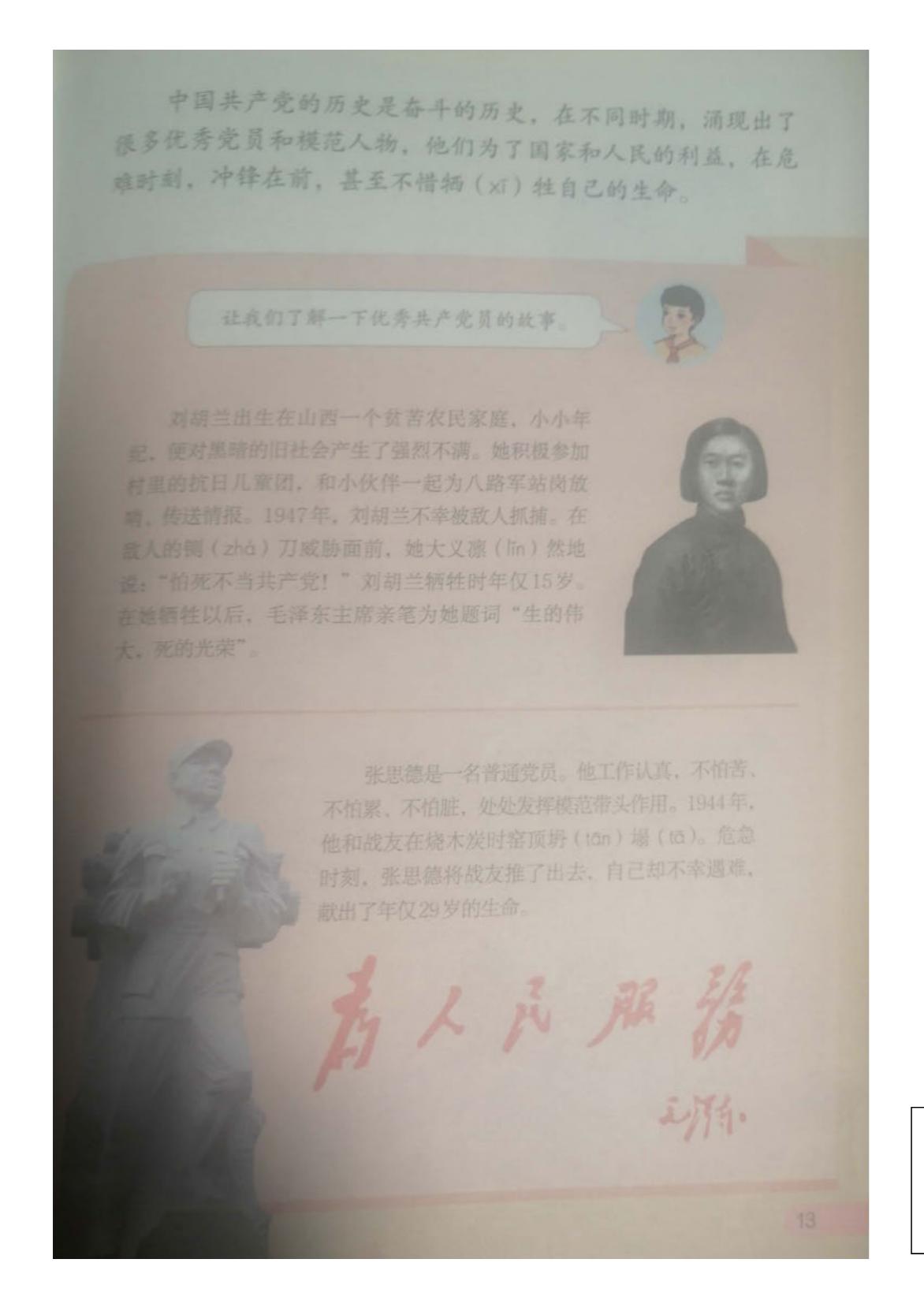
2.2 - the Party and the People Together

We are a socialist country under the leadership of the CCP. The Party is at the core of the country's leadership. The raison d'être and the mission of the party is to plan for people's happiness and the revitalization of the Chinese nation.

Mom and dad tell me that the CCP represents the foundamental interest of the Chinese people, and will always stand with the people.

Grandpa XJP retold the story of "Half a duvet." During the Long March, three female members of the Red Army was hosted by Xu Jiexiu, a local. When parting, the three soldiers cut in half their only shared duvet and gave the other half to the host family. Xu exclaims "what is the CCP? The CCP is the kind of people who would cut off and share half of their only duvet for the sake of everyday people."

Do you know any other stories about the Party and the people working together? Share them with everyone.



The history of the CCP is one dotted with struggle. In trying times emerged many an exmemplary Party members and role models. They, for the interest of the nation and the people, rushes to the frontlines, not afraid of sacrificing their own lives.

Let us learn about the stories of exemplary party members.

Liu Hulan was born in a poor farming family in the province of Shanxi. As a little girl, she loathed the dark, archaic society of the time. She eagerly joined her village's Anti-Japanese Children's Brigade. Together with her mates, they stood guard and provided intelligence for the Eighth Route Army. Unfortunately, in 1947, Liu was captured by the enemy. With the enemies' knives on her throat, she bravely announced "It's not in a communist to be scared of death!" Liu was only 15 years old when she sacrificed herself. Afterwards, chairman Mao himself authored her epitaph: "Lived in honor, died in glory."

Zhang Side is just a normal party member. He worked dilligently: he does not care about hardship nor is he afraid of getting dirty. Everywhere he goes, he acted as a role model. In 1944, when he and his fellow soldiers were making charcoals, the roof of the hut caved in. In an instant, Zhang pushed his friends out, only to have himself killed in the process -- sacrificing his life at a young age of 29.

Serve the people

-- Mao Zedong



Wang Jinxi, nicknamed "iron man," was one of the first crude oil drillers of the New China. In the face of oil shortages during the early years of the People's Republic, Wang joined the nation's efforts of oil prospecting. In 1960, Wang, with his revolutionary zeal, led his team with the saying "rather live 20 years shorter than not being able to find an oil field." He worked day and night for 5 days, and was finally able to find the first well in the city of Daqing.

Jiao Yulu was praised by the people as the "party's great appratchik" and the "people's great servent." In 1962, Jiao was appointed as the Party Scretary of Lankao prefecture, in the province of Henan. He led local officials and people in the effort of fighting against natural disasters and improving the fortunes of their backward town. He was later diagnosed with liver cancer. He braved his illness by poking his liver with a wooden baton, fighting pain with pain. So much so he poked a hole in his straw chair. Despite the hardship, he worked on: mobilizing the people to plant Paulownia trees in order to guard against the wind and to prevent soil erosion. In 1964, he passed away due to illness.

Lei Feng is just a normal party member and a soldier. Occupying his ordinary position, Lei has done some extraodinary deeds. By enshrining the service to the public as his greatest desire, and establishing the support of others as his greatest hapiness, Lei has devoted his finite life to the infite public service. He lived frugally, using the money saved to help disaster-stricken locals and impoverished families of his fellow soldiers. He frequently used holidays and his own leave days to help those nearby his military base. During his travels, he helped fellow travellers by delivering food and cleaning their quarters. People would often praise "when Lei travels a thousand miles, he leaves behind a train-load of good deeds."



Huang Xuhua has the nickname "the father of Chinese nuclear submarines." Working without fanfare, he devoted his entire life to our country's effort into producing nuclear submarines. As he said candidly, "my fellow comrads and I, who have dedicated our entire lives to the motherland, have zero regrets."

Chime Dorjee is often referred to as the "hero messenger" of the Sichuan-Tibet Highway. He is a mail truck driver from Garzê Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Sichuan province. Dorjee started career in 1989, in the 30 years since, he risks his life every day in order to deliver letters, travelling on the "snowy mail route," a road that is, on average, 3500m above sea level. He has driven, on aggregate, more than 1.4 million kilometers, enough to encircle the equater 35 times. He has been awarded the designation "National Ethnic Unity and Advancement Role Model."

They are truly worthy of the name "exemplary party members." They are role models that we should all follow!



In 2020, Covid-19 pandemic gravely threatened people's lives. Medical staffs around the country bravely rushed to the forefront of the battle. "We are members of the CCP, let us lead the fight!" their petitions have moved the hearts of countless people. These CCP members have erected a great wall against the virus.

This is the hero in our fight against Covid-19, grandpa Zhong Nanshan.



The CCP and the people aspire together and perspire together. The CCP diligently creates better, happier lives for its people. For this, the Party has gained the sincere support of the people.

During the time of the Revolutionary War (the Chinese Civil War), on the red soil of Yimeng, Shangdong province, there existed a selfless group of women whom people refer to as the "red maidans." They volunteered their sons to the army and sent husbands to the frontlines. They made uniforms and shoes, carried stretchers and pushed carts. They selflessly cared for the injured, and authored tunes that reflected the "water-and-fish" relationship that exists between civilians and the military. According to incomplete statistics, they have together manufactered 3.15 million pairs of shoes, sewed 1.22 million kits of uniforms, milled 117.16 million pounds of grains, mobilized 200,000 troops, cared for 60,000 wounded, and hid more than 90,000 revolutionary comrades against persecution.

Oil Painting "Frontline Bridge"

After the founding of the PRC, under the leadership of the CCP, millions of Tibetans were liberated from serfdom and have since lived happy lives. In 2009, Tibet Autonomous Region established March 28th as the Tibetan Million-Serf Liberation Commemoration Day.

Tibetan People Singing to Thank the Party

The CCP solemnly pledges: during the journey to combat poverty, we will not leave behind a single impoverished family, nor overlook a single poor person. From the start of the war against poverty to the end of 2020, our country, under currently established standards, has completely eliminated poverty in rural areas. For the countryfolks who are leading ever-better lives, smiles eminate from their faces. From the bottom of their heart, the villagers thank the Party for the great policy and appreciate the efforts of its officials.

Little mountain village that is no longer in poverty



2.3 - Grandpa XJP's Heart is One with the People

The Party's General Secretary, Grandpa Xi Jinping, thinks about the people every second. Often he would visit ordinary people and chat about their lives. Whether in the homes of ethnic minorities or at the harbors in foul weather... he leaves behind memories of his visit.

2014 January, Grandpa XJP visits the Hohhot Children's Welfare Institute, in Inner Mongolia. He encouraged hearing-impaired girls to study well and wishes them academic success.

2019 Feburary, Grandpa XJP stopped by at the Caochang alleys of Beijing's Qianmen district, where he greeted the locals.

2018 June, Grandpa XJP, braving heavy rain, came to Yantai harbor in Shandong province. He inspected the site and warmly shook hands with the workers.



2019 April, Grandpa XJP, during his inspection in Chongqing, came to Shizhu Tujia Autonomous County to vist and greet the impoverished household of Tan Dengzhou.

2019 August, Grandpa XJP came to
Huanghuatan Sustainable Resettlement
Community in Gulang county, Gansu province.
He visited villagers who are now enjoying a
better life. In this photo, he affectionately
conversed with the family of Li Yingchuan.

2020 January, Grandpa XJP came to Qinshui township in Tenchong, Yunnan province, where he visited villagers of Wa ethnicity. He, along with the families of villager Li Fashun, made local tranditional holiday delicacy -- crispy rice cakes.

At the end of the day, what I think about the most is the people in poverty: how they are eating and living; and whether if they can adequately celeberate the new year and the Spring Festival.

-- *XJP*

Like Grandpa XJP once said, "I aim to be selfless; I won't let down the people." People of the CCP never forget their calling; they remember always their mission. They share with the people the same breath, the same destiny, and the same heart. They wholeheartedly serve the people.



3rd Lesson Towards a New Era

3.1 - New Era, New Life

After a long effort, Socialism with Chinese Characteristics has entered into a new era. Our country has changed enormously. In particular, our economic development has come to full fruition, with our GDP holding steady as the second largest in the world.

Our agricultural production is one of stable harvest. The production of our grain, meat, egg, peanut, tea, fruit, seafood, and other produce is placed first in the world.



Since the founding of the New China, our agricultural production has grown by a factor of 4.8



So many goodies here: fishes, meats, eggs, vegetables, fruits -- there is everything.



The construction of roads, bridges, harbors, and airports has progressed rapidly -- with a wide array of priority projects being completed.

Tibet Lalin Highway

Hong Kong–Zhuhai– Macau Bridge

Beijing Daxing International Airport Wow! With such dense network of transportation infrastructure, life is getting more convenient every day!

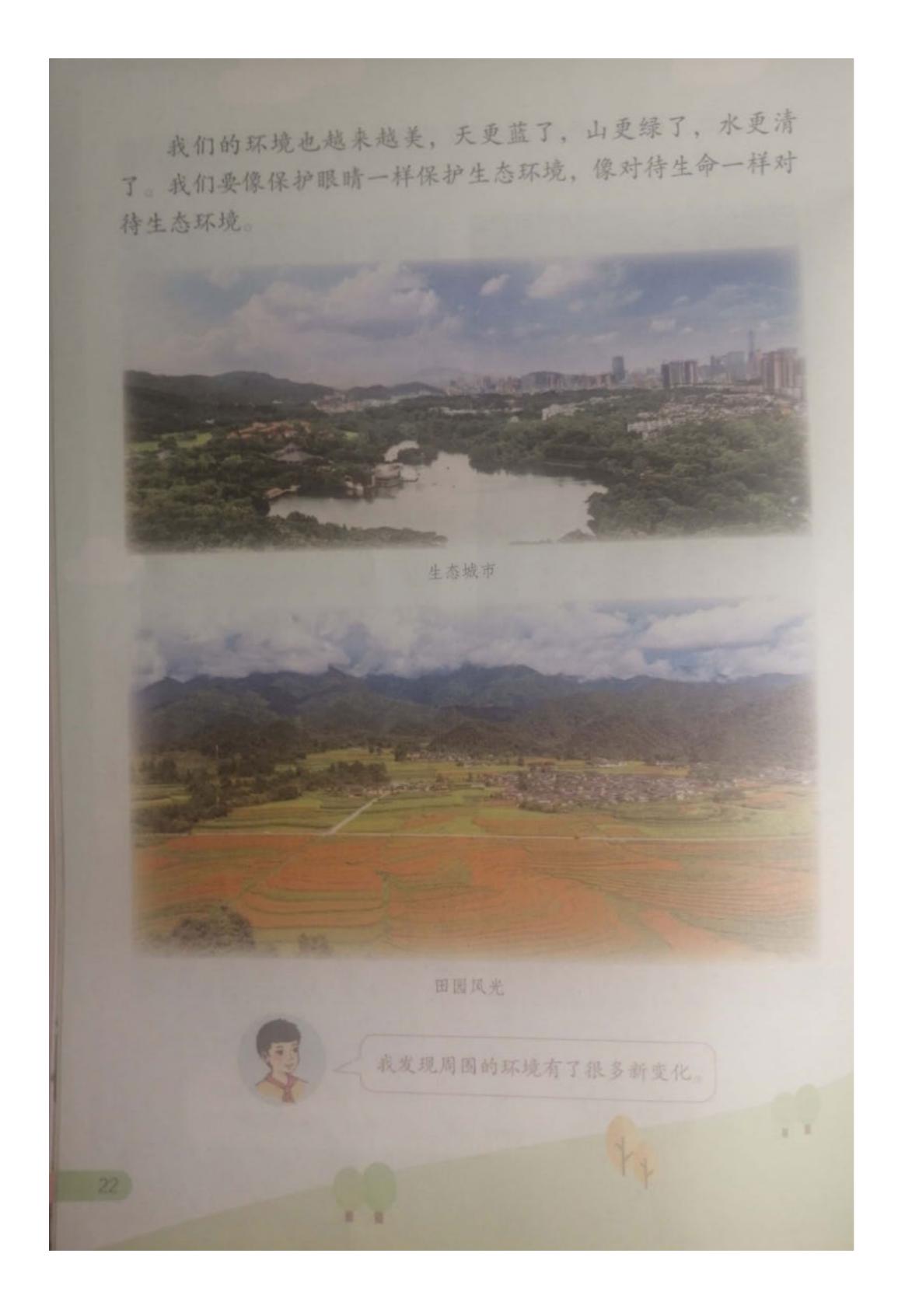
Jiaolong (deep-sea research submarine), Tiangong (space station), Tianyan (radio telescope), and other major technological breakthroughs are continuously being introduced.

Chang'e (lunar lander) explores the moon

Jiaolong submerges into the ocean

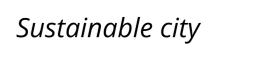
New Era, new achievements. One can say we can "reach the nine heavens to grab the moon, and dive the five seas to catch the Bie (turtle)*."

* Translators' Note: This is a verse from one of Mao Zedong's poems. The verse draws on Chinese mythology to suggest that if people of China work together, they can achieve feats of fantastical proportions.



Our environment is also getting more beautiful by the day: sky is bluer, mountains greener, water purer. We should protect the environment like we protect our eyesight*, treating the former as if it is living.

* Translators' Note: This comparison may look out of place but Chinese schools are strangely anal about protecting pupils' (no pun intended) eyesights.



Country sceneries

I've noticed many new changes in the surrounding environment.



Wind turbines provide electricity to millions of homes

Solar-powered buses are being introduced to our lives

Waste sorting is becoming people's habit

Anaerobic digester systems turn garbage into biogas

Nature is full of wonder and incomparable beauty. Loving nature is a good habit, and protecting it is everyone's duty. Children and youths should be spearheading such efforts.

-- XJP



The People's Liberation Army of China is the guarantor of our wonderful lives. They are the "iron great wall" that protects the motherland; they are the guardians that fight for the nation and people's interests.

People's Armed Police fighting flood

People's liberation army guarding the border

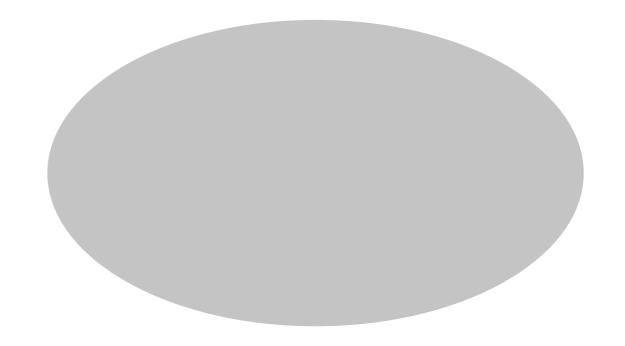
Naval carrier conducting exercise sorties

In the olden days, our army was rich in spirit but poor in steel. Now that they are rich in steel, they will be even richer in spirit -- their backbone will be even stronger.

-- XJP



Entering into the New Era, we have made great strides in the modernization of our national defense and military.



October 1, 2019, we held a military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the PRC. All the military equipments inspected were manufactured domestically.

Tanks, armored personnel carriers, artilleries, missiles, UAVs, and many other ordinances were inspected before the Tiananmen Square. How glorious!



We are growing up in the New Era, enjoying a joyful life.

Our prefecture said goobye to poverty; we're no longer impoverished. Our village added exercise equipments.

The internet is making it easier to study.

In modernized factories, production is more efficient.

No need to carry wallets anymore thanks to mobile payment systems.

In your family's eyes, what's "new" in the New Era?



3.2 - New Era, New March

Following the development of the society, people anticipate better education, steadier employment, cozier living, fairer natural environment...

Ask your family what kind of new expectations they have.

I hope to have more free time to travel with my family.

I hope roadways become less congested.

I hope I can eat safer and healthier foods.

I hope...

To fulfill the People's longing for better lives... that's what we are fighting for.

-- XJP

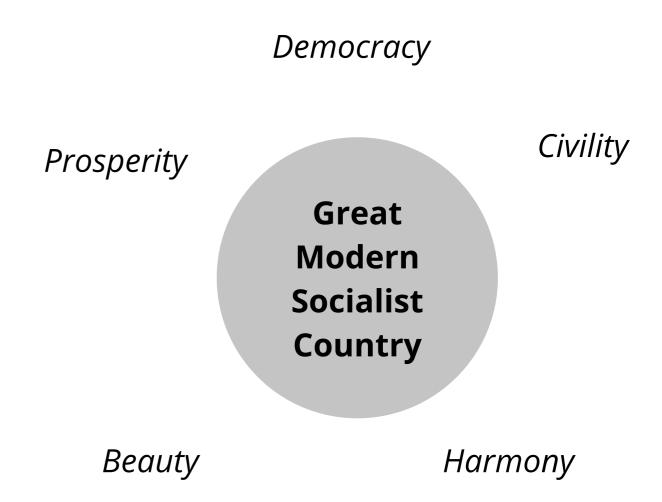


In order to have everyone living better lives, our country has established "Duo-Hundred-Year" goals. For the First Hundred Years (starting from the founding of the CCP to the year 2021), the country will achieve the goal of a Moderately Prosperous Society. For the Second Hundred Years (starting from the founding of the PRC to the year 2049), we will build a Great Modern Socialist Country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, civil, harmonious, and beautiful.

	Ired Years	1921	Founding of the CCP
ındred Years	The First Hundred Years	1949	Founding of the PRC
		2021	Realization of the goal of "Moderately Prosperous Society"
		2035	Basic realization of Modern Socialism
The Second Hundred Years		2049	Become a Great Modern Socialist Country



By 2035, we will achieve a basic level of Modern Socialism. By the middle of this century, we will build a Great Modern Socialist Country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, civil, harmonious, and beautiful.



I hope our country can become wealthier and prettier.

We have to act as the builders of a Great Modern Socialist Country



To turn this blueprint into reality, we must -step by step -- diligently study science & our culture and industriously advance our skillset... so that we can lend our efforts to the building of a Great Modern Socialist Country.

As a New Era youth, what should we do to realize the second Century goal?



Strong youths signify a strong nation. The current generation of Chinese children is not only the witness and observer of the First Hundred Years, it is also the driving force behind the Second Hundred Years -- to build a Great Modern Socialist Country.

-- XJP



4th Lesson Our Chinese Dream

4.1 - I Have a Dream

Everyone has a dream of their own. Every dream carries with it the hope for a better future. If we have dreams in our hearts, we will have strength in our feet -- so that we can head steadfast towards the future.

I want to become a doctor, taking care of the sick.

I want to invent spacecrafts with my friends, so that we can go to Mars.

I want to design a device that can provide shelter against wind and rain, so that farmers can work easier in the fields.

I want to become a soldier, protecting the motherland!

My dream is to become a teacher. Like our teacher, I will care and protect every student.

Let us talk about your dreams.



Dreams, no matter how ambitious, should be respected if the country stands to benefit. On the journey towards realizing your dreams, no matter if it's smooth-sailing or trouble-ridden, we must be unafraid to have a dream, be eager to pursue a dream, and be diligent to realize a dream.

Grandpa Yuan Longping's dream is to "relax under the shade of rice plants." He explains, "The super hybrid rice in my laboratory can grow taller than sorghum plants. Its panicles are longer than broomsticks, and each grain of rice is as big as a peanut. Thanks to their size, my assistants and I can relax under their shade."

Grandpa Yuan's hybrid rice not only fed the nation, it also benefitted people all around the world.

Growing up, Grandma Tu Youyou's dream was to become a scientist. She dedicated her career to the study of treatments against malaria. She and her colleagues conducted countless experiments. Despite many failures, they persisted. At the end, she solved many difficulties involved in manufacturing artemisinin. In the process, she saved millions of lives. For her achievement, Grandma Tu was awarded Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2015.

If people have faith, the country will be strong; if the country is strong, the nation will have hope.

-- XJP



Zhu Shijie's dream is for the quick turnaround of container ships that came from all over the world to visit Chinese harbors. He controls his container crane atop the 50m machine. With his principles of "steady, precise, and fast," he lines up each container, no matter the weight or shape, with great precision. People nicknamed him "the needle threader from hundred-feet height."

Sun Jingnan's dream is to be a good welder. People caller the New Era's "goddess of welding." To perfect her craft, she humbly studied from those around her, repeated practicing a wide array of welding techniques. In China's development and manufacturing of high-speed locamotives, she successfully overcome many technical difficulties, and thus contributed greatly to our country's rail transportation efforts.

Do you know any other person's dreams? How did they fight to realize their dreams?



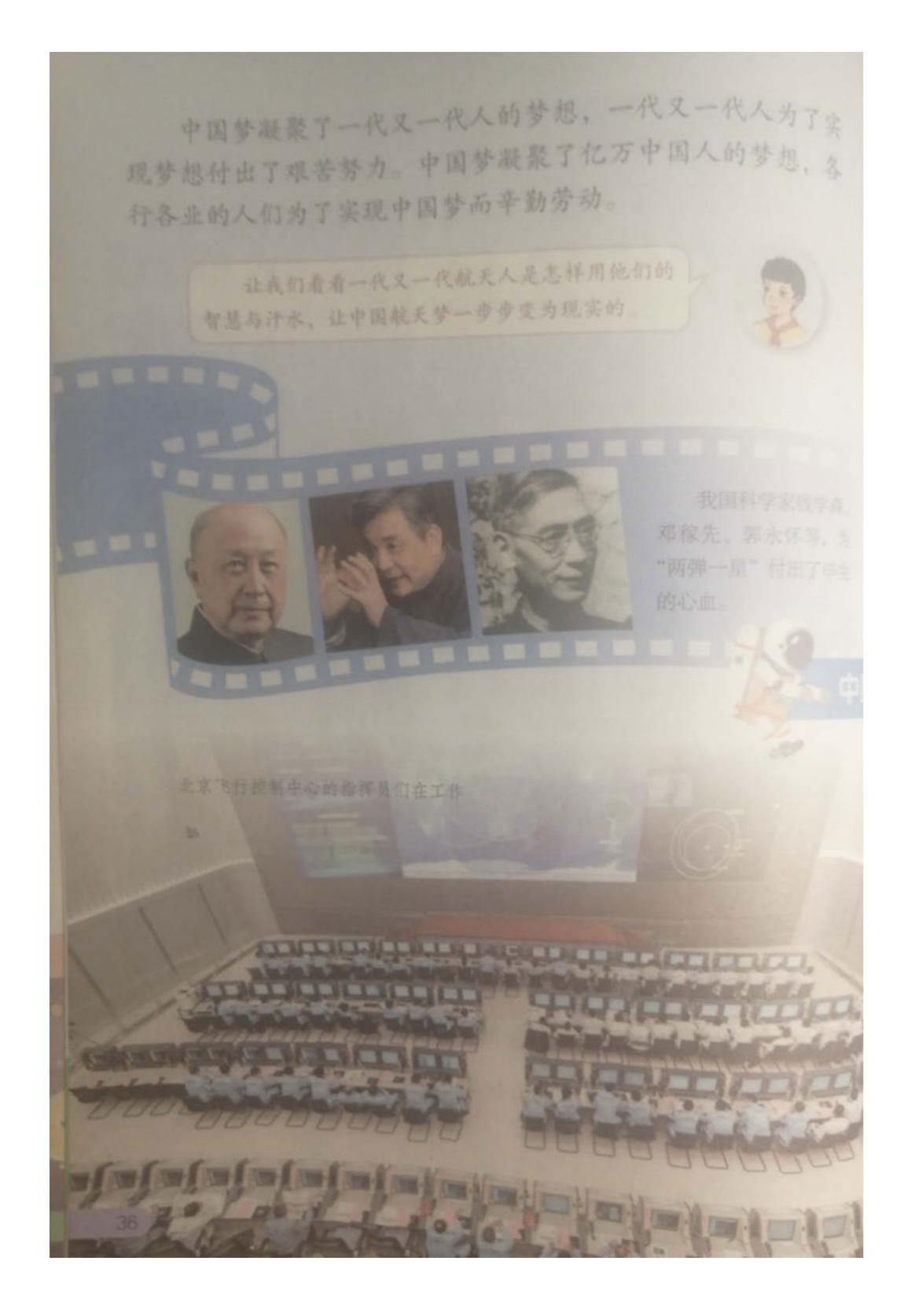
4.2 - The Glorious Chinese Dream

From a person to a nation and country, we all need dreams and aspirations. Our Chinese dream is one that wishes for a prosperious country, a vitalized nation, and a happy populace. The Chinese dream is one of the country, of the nation, and of our own.

I wish the nation prosperous and strong, I wish the Chinese dragon leaps to flight, I wish for a better life day by day. I wish...

For the Chinese people, realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is the most glorious dream of our time.

-- XJP



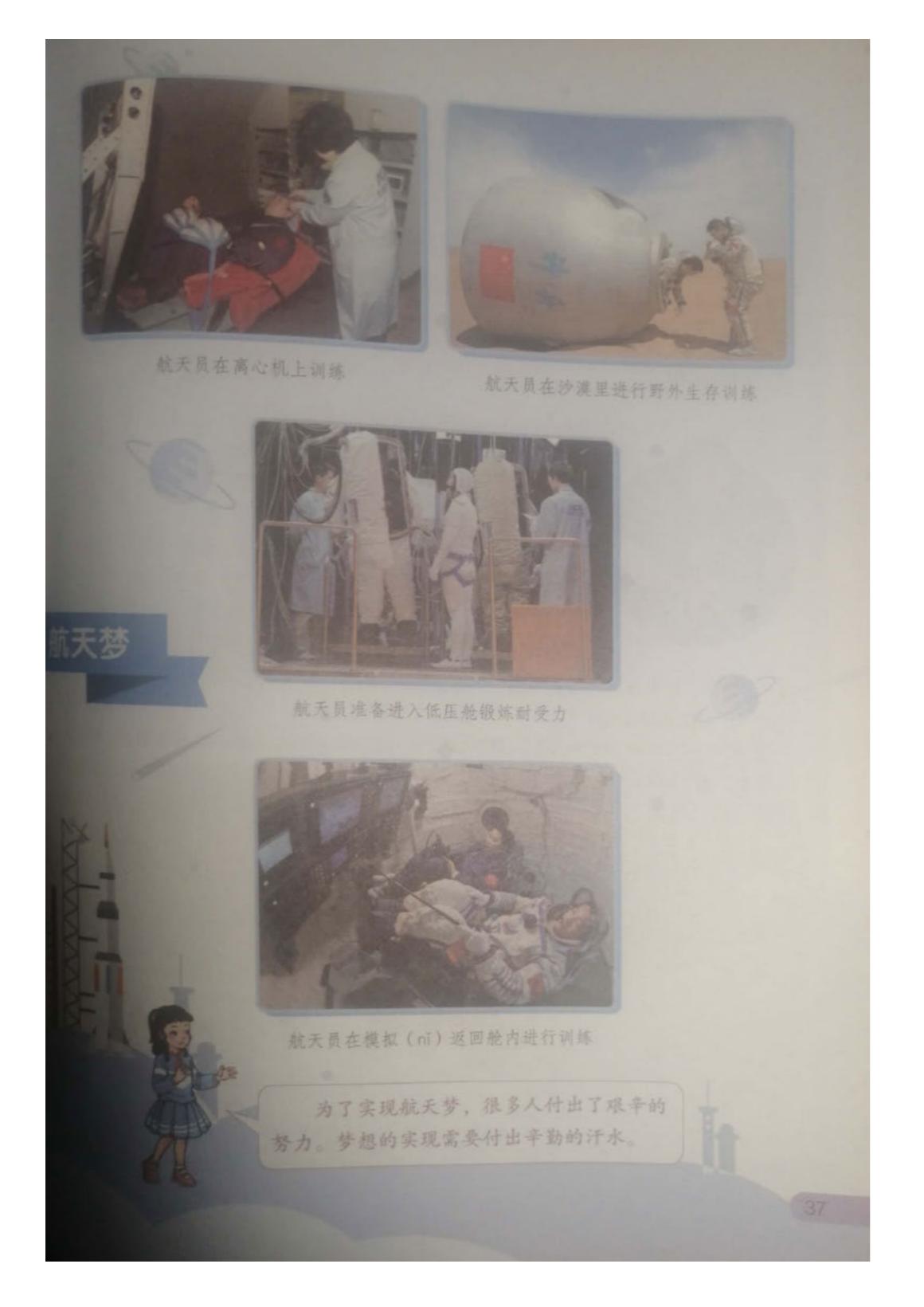
The Chinese Dream unites the aspirations of people of every generation, with every one of them expending great efforts to its attainment. The Dream fuses the desires of billions of Chinese; people of all walks of life work dilligently for its realization.*

* *Translators' Note:* This paragraph is very repetitive. This is not an error translation.

Let us observe how generations of aerospace engineers realized the Chinese space dream every step of the way with their intellect and sweat.

Our scientists Qian Xuesen, Deng Jiaxian, Guo Yonghuai, and many others dedicated their entire lives to the "Two Bombs, One Satellite" program.

Controllers working at the Beijing Aerospace Flight Control Center



Astronauts training inside the centrifuge

Astronauts conducting survival training in the dessert

Astronauts preparing to enter the lowpressure chamber for endurance training

Astronauts training in the simulator for the return stage

To realize the space dream, many people toiled away. To achieve one's dream requires sweat.



4.3 - Realizing Dreams Through Hard Work

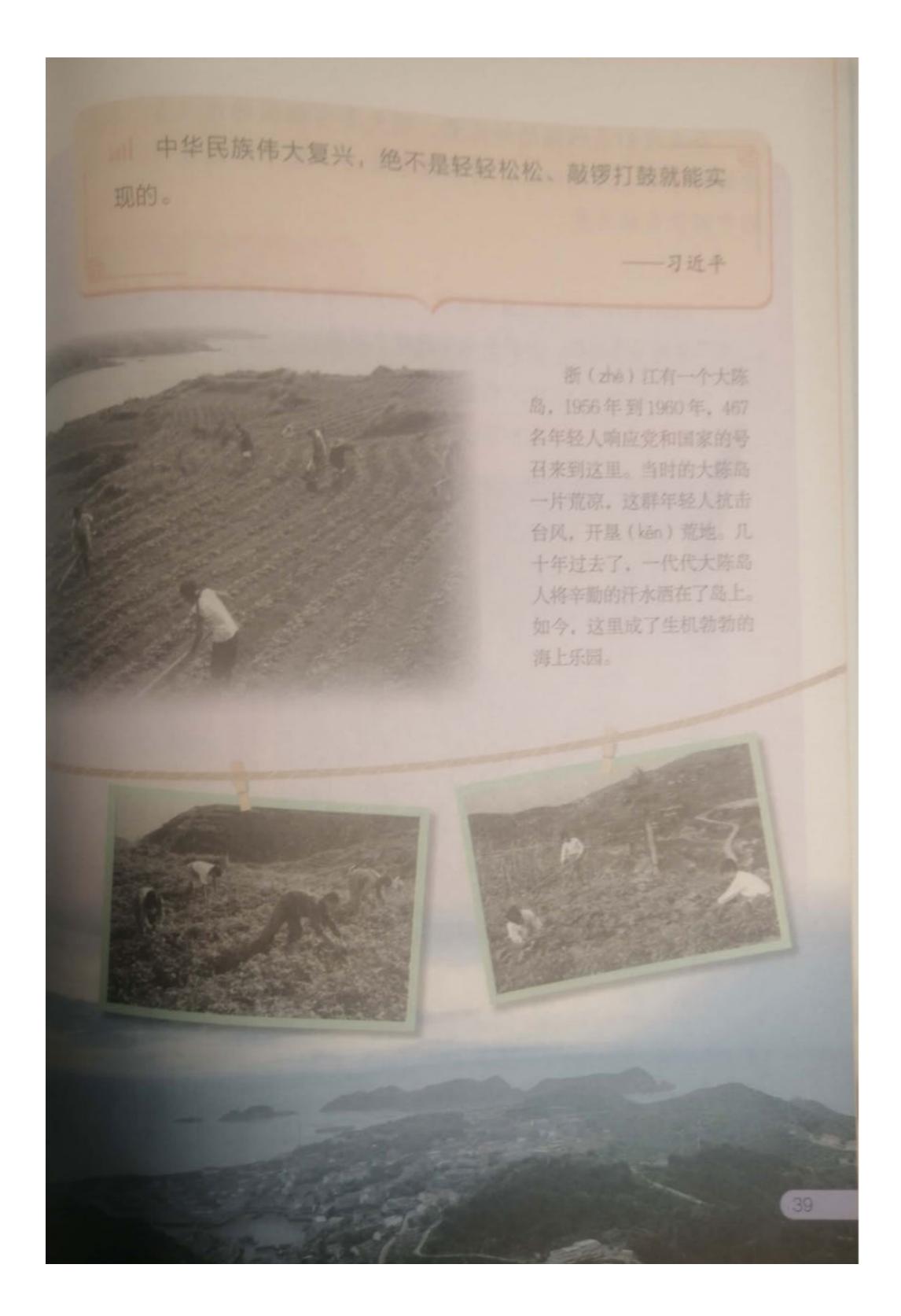
Ambitious dreams can't be achieved by waiting or wailing. They are achieved by struggling and doing. If we, on the journey towards attainment, can make up our minds, apply our strength, and roll up our sleeves, the dream of glorious rejuvenation of the Chinese nation will certainly come true.

Zhang Guimei's dream is to help kickstart the lives of girls who live in the rural mountain ranges. In 1974, answering the call of the Party, Zhang came to Yunan province from Heilongjiang in order to assist in the construction of the southwest borderlands. For more than 40 years, she devoted her mind and body to the education efforts of the impoverished region.

With the support of the party, Zhang founded the first free-of-charge senior high school for girls -- Huaping High School for Girls in Lijiang, Yunnan -- with all salaries and expenses paid for by the state. In the early days, conditions were tough. With only 8 teachers left in the school, a worried Zhang rallies the staff, "between 8 of us, there are 6 Party members. If this were the Sino-Japanese war, as long as there's one Party member on the battlefield, it won't be lost to the enemies!" As Zhang and her fellow teachers renewed their vows to the Party in front of the CCP flag, tears welled in their eyes.

Zhang treats her students with love. Despite her ailing health, she teached her class every day. She lived frugally, using the money saved to help her students. For ten plus years, she visited more than a thousand students in their homes, helping to send many struggling students to universities.

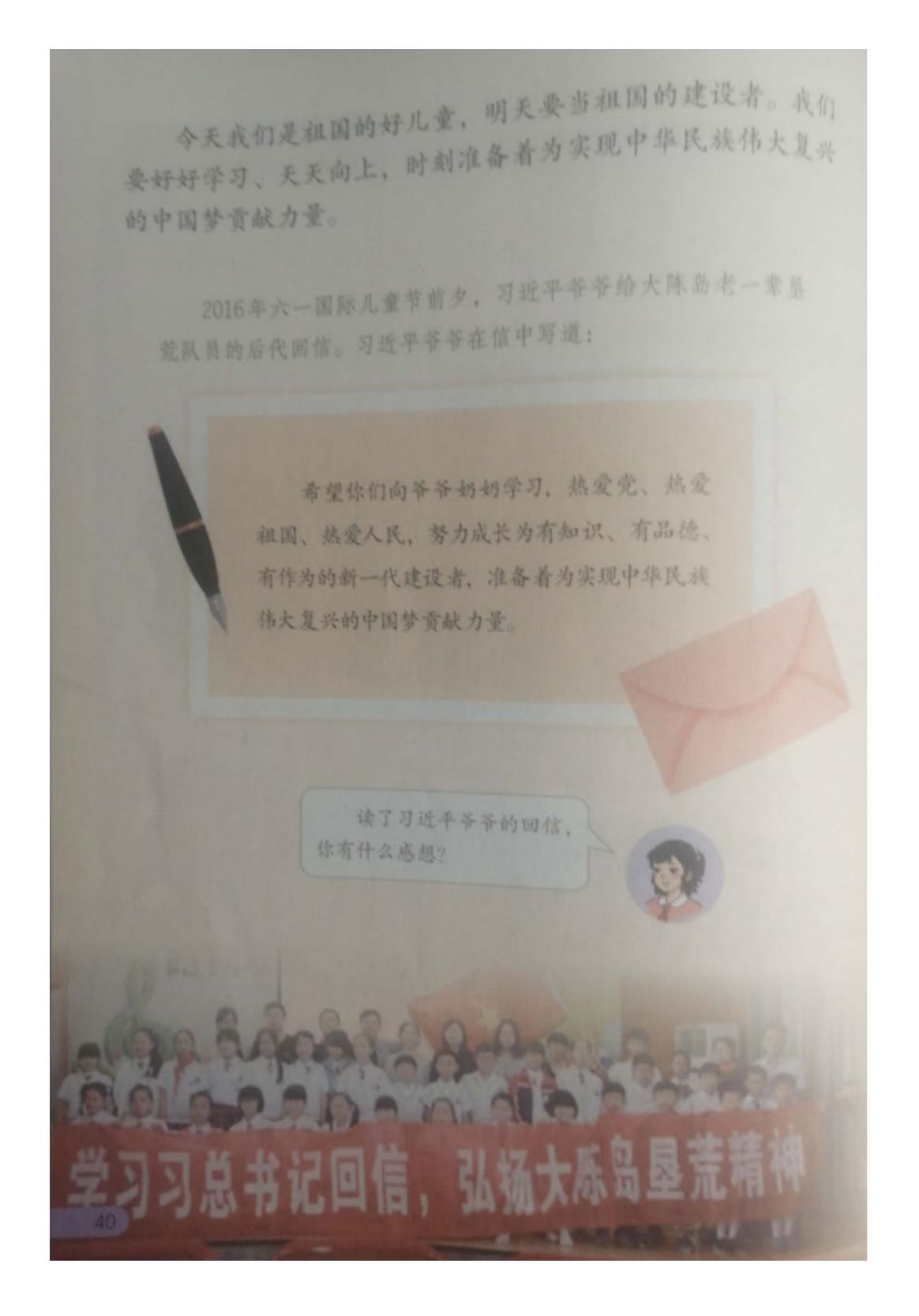
Now, you can find the graduates of Huaping all over the country. They continue their legacy of frugalality, ambition, grit, and gratitude, as they continue to strive to help others.



The great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation is not an easy task; it can't be achieved by just beating the drum.

-- XJP

In Zhejiang province there is an island named Dachen. From 1956 to 1960, 567 young men and women, answering the call of the Party and of the country, came to the island. On its stark landscape, these young people fought typhoons and sowed crops. In the following decades, generatios of Dachen people poured their sweat onto the land. Because of their efforts, the island became a lively maritime amusement park that we know today.



While today we're the motherland's children, tomorrow we will be its builders. We must diligently study, continuously improve, be always prepared to lend our efforts to the Chinese Dream of Glorious Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation.

On the eve of International Day for Protection of Children on June 1st, 2016, grandpa XJP wrote in reply to the descendents of the early settlers of Dachen island. In his letter, he says:

I hope you can learn from your grandmas and grandpas, learn from their love for the Party, for the country, and for the people. I hope you grow up to be a new generation of builders equipped with knowledge and culture, to be ready to lend your hand to the Chinese Dream of Glorious Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation.

After reading Grandpa XJP's response letter, what are your thoughts?

Banner: Study from Party Secretary Xi's response letter; spread the Dachen settler spirit.



5th Lesson We Are the Heirs of Communism

5.1 - The Honorable Young Pioneers

When we first put on the Red Scarf, sang the song of the Young Pioneers, we all felt proud. Do you still remember your entrance ceremony? Let us hear the story of grandpa XJP's initiation ceremony.

Discuss with your classmates what it was like in your initiation ceremony; talk about the unforgettable moments of your admittance.

In 2014, grandpa XJP came to Minzu elementary school in Benjing, and talked about his own initiation ceremony into the Young Pioneers.

"I went to elementary school in 1959, and joined the Young Pioneers in 1960. Because I was young, I wasn't the first group to be admitted. I remember I cried... I remember, during the ceremony, my heart was pounding; I was very excited.

Grandpa XJP followed up with a question, "I wonder if you have the same feeling as I had?" The kids responds "yes."

"Why do you think that is? Because it is an honor" says grandpa XJP sternly.



the Young Pioneers of China, often shorted to the "Young Pioneers", is a mass youth organization created and led by the CCP. Its members are the heirs to communism and builders of socialism.

> Do you understand the meaning behind the Pioneer Company flag and the Red Scarves? What is your takeaway from learning its meaning?

I know that on the Young Pioneer Company flag exist a torch and a star. The star represents the leadership under CCP, the torch denotes goodness, and the red flag itself signifies the victory of the revolution.

I know that the Red Scarf represents a corner of the flag, they are dyed with the blood of the martyrs of the revolution. Every Pioneer should wear it, appreciate it, and bring upon it new honor.

In photo: veteran members ceremoniously tie the Red Scarf for the new members



I am ready at every moment!

~ Ceremonious vow

Let us organize an event to understand the glorious history of the Young Pioneers.

~ Singing the Young Pioneer Company song

Under the leadership of the Party, the Young Pioneers grow strong. Every member must listen to the party, follow the party, in order to make their Red Scarves ever more vibrant.

In photo: the Young Pioneer salute



5.2 - Grandpa XJP's Expectations for Us

We are the future and the hope of our motherland. Our healthy upbringing is the aspiration of the Party and of the society. As the head of the Party and the state, Grandpa XJP cares about us very much, wishing us to grow up to become adequate builders and heirs of socialism.

As busy as Grandpa XJP is, he still joins us in our activies and cares about our upbringing.

Grandpa XJP comes to school, greeting us side by side, wishing us to sooner become citizens with courtesy, knowledge, vigor, and good foundations.

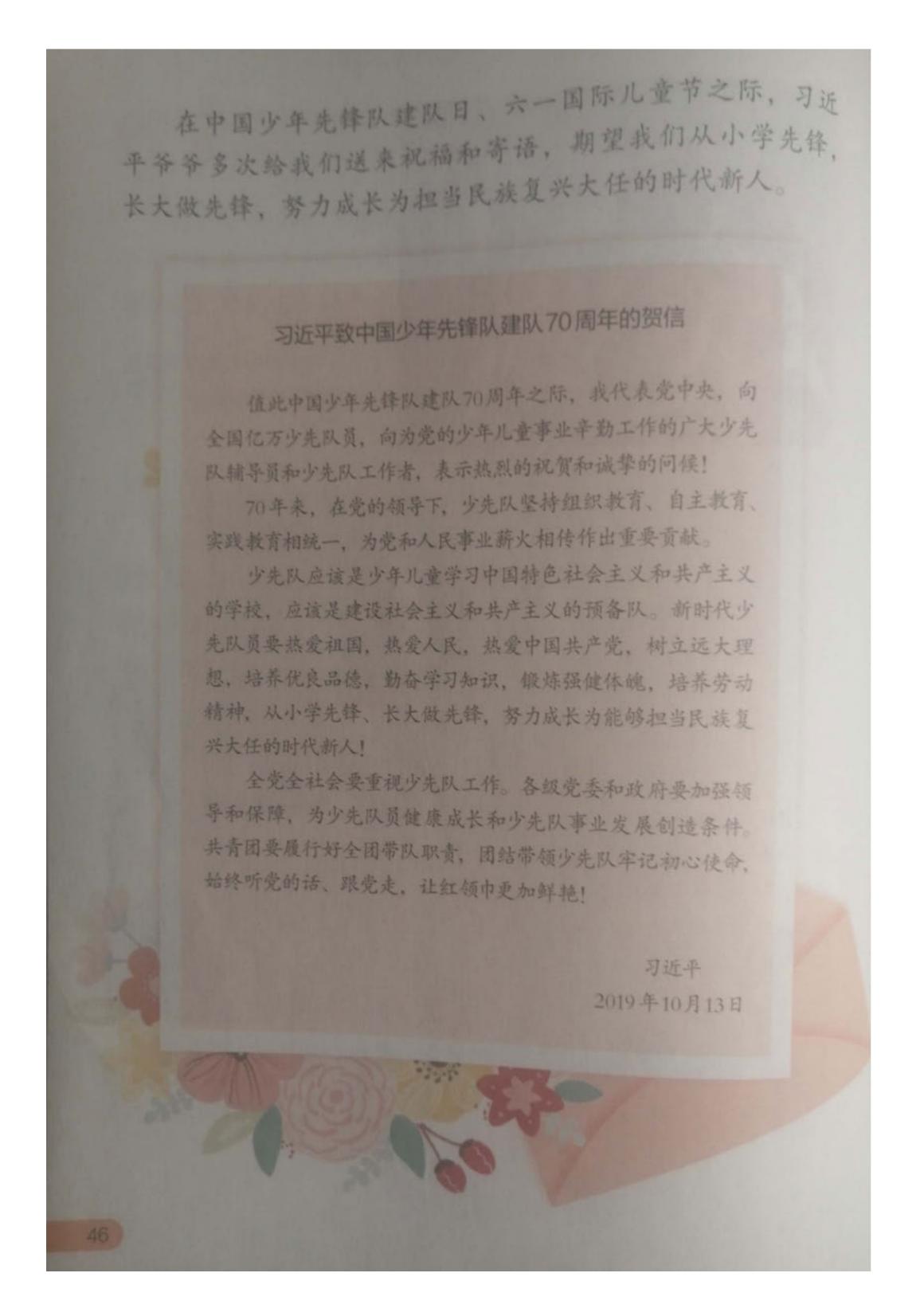


Grandpa XJP planting trees alongside Young Pioneers.

May 29th, 2013, Grandpa XJP came to Beijing Children's Hall to participate the event "Happy Childhood, Launchpad of Aspiration."

Grandpa XJP teaches us that a person can have many dreams, but ones most important are the ones that relate to the motherland and the people.

Grandpa XJP teaches us that, from youth, we have to establish the value of glorious labor...



To commemorate the founding of the Young Pioneers and the International Day for Protection of Children, grandpa XJP delivered numerous words of wishes. He hopes that, from being pioneers in elementary school, we can grow up to be the vanguards of our nation. And that we work hard to become a new generation of those who can shoulder the task of the Great Rejunevation.

XJP's Letter to the Young Pioneers on the 70th Anniversary of its Founding

Using this opportunity, I, standing for the Central Party Committee, hereby greet and salute millions of Young Pioneers, along with those counselors and staff who, in the name of the Party, diligently participated the effort of youth outreach.

For more than 70 years, under the leadership of the Party, the Young Pioneers continuously participated in organized education, self-education, and experiential education. Your efforts are vital to the continuity of the Party and the people.

The Young Pioneer is an institution that educate children and youth about Socialism and Communism with Chinese Characterstics. It is a reserve force [that prepares] for the construction of Socialism and Communism. New Era Young Pioneers must love the country, love the people, and love the CCP. They must aspire to do great things, to cultivate civility, to learn knowledge, to strengthen their body, and to pursue the spirit of labour. Today a Pioneer, tomorrow a new generation of vanguards who will shoulder the task of the Glorious Rejunevation of the Nation!

The whole of the Party and society cares deeply about the work of the Young Pioneers. Party officials and government of all levels must strengthen its leadership and its safeguarding of the upbringings of the Young Pioneers and the development of the organization. The Communist Youth League must act as mentors, uniting the Young Pioneers to not forget about their mission, to always listen to the party, to follow the party... so that their Red Scarves can shine ever brighter!

-- *XJP* | *Oct 13th, 2019*



6th Lesson Be an Exemplary Youth in the New Era

6.1 - Buttoning the First Button of Your Life

Grandpa XJP once said that the development of one's value system is like buttoning a shirt... if one skipped the first button, the rest will be buttoned wrong. Life is much like buttoning up a shirt, we have to first make sure that the first button is done correctly.

If you button the first button wrong, the shirt will be crooked and ugly.

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We must now learn how to button the first button of our lives.



Button up the first button of your life correctly. This means that from youth, we must police ourselves to expemplify the core tenants of Socialist Core Values. We must cultivate our character to become patriotic, diligent, honest, courteous.

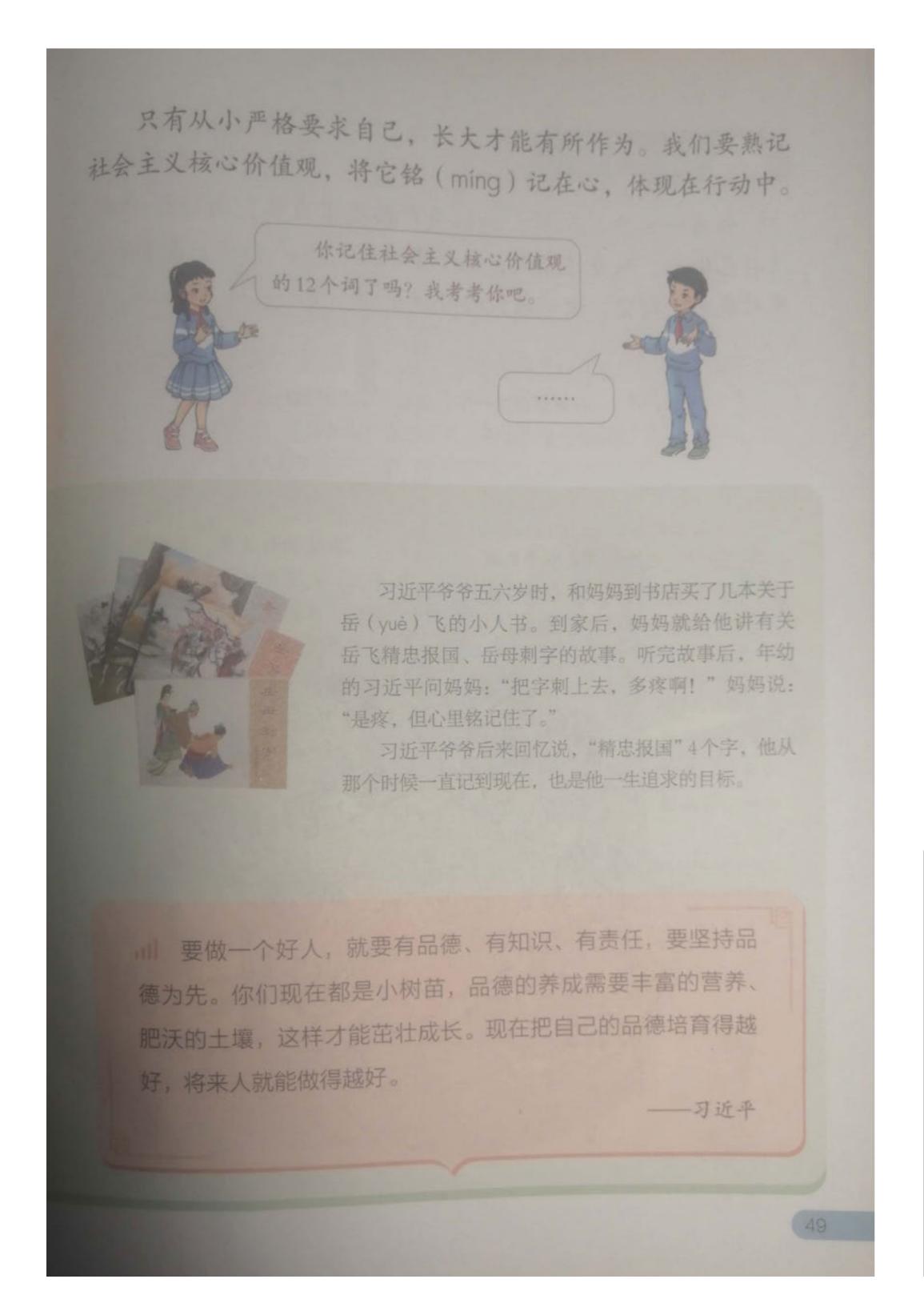
Socialist Core Values

Posperity	Democracy	Civility	Harmony
Liberty	Equality	Justice	Rule of Law
Patriotism	Diligence	Honesty	Kindness

Bujumakhan Mauredo is a border guard in the mountain ranges of Gulama, Xinjiang. For decades she patrolled the border. Everyday, she has to hike at least 20 kilometers on the mountain roads. Along the border, she has inscribed many stones with the words "China."

People often call Huang Dafa as the "Modern Yugong*." For over 36 years, he led his fellow villagers to construct an aquaduct over 10 kilometers long. The aquaduct, winding between three mountains and skipping past three cliffs, was able to solve the water problem for the whole village -- thus improving people's quality of life.

* Translators' Note: Yugong is a protagonist in one of China's folklores. He and his family lived between two mountains. To make their lives easier, Yugong wanted to move the mountains out of their way. He, along with his family and neighbor, then started chipping away the mountain. Scared by their resolve, the gods eventually relented and fulfilled their wish.



Only by setting high standards from youth can we grow up to be useful citizens. We must all memorize the Socialist Core Values, and take it to heart, and practice them in our everyday lives.

Have you memorized the 12 Core Values? Let me test you on it.

When grandpa XJP was just five or six years old, he went to the bookstore with his mom to buy a few comics about Yue Fei (Chinese general during Song dynasty who fought against the Jurchens). At home, his mother retold the story of Yue Fei and his tattoo that said "serve the country with utmost loyalty." Afterwards, the young XJP asks "tattoo, that must hurt!" Mother replies "because of the pain, the message is deeply implanted to his heart."

Grandpa XJP recalls the words "serve the country with utmost loyalty" -- he has never forgotten this message. This is his goal in life.

To be a good person means to have courtesy, knowledge and to be responsible. One must put personal character development at the forefront. You are young, like little saplings. And like little saplings, you need nutritients and a good soil in order to grow tall. Only if you cultivate your character, can you become a good person.

-- XJP



6.2 - Exemplary Youth in Action

As a Young Pioneer, we must have high standards for ourselves, learn from role models. We must first work on ourselves, things in our surroundings, and small things. I will not disappoint the expectations set for me by the Party and the people; I will be a New Era Exemplary Youth.

Discuss with your classmates about how we should conduct ourselves as Exmemplary Youths of the New Era, and about what standards we should set for ourselves.

Being frugal and saving money is one of the great virtues of the Chinese people. We should encourage such habits.

I love reading books about technology; I like arts & crafts. I think an Exemplary Youth should be a good thinker and a good creative.

We have to be like what grandpa XJP said: to be someone with good moral characters.

I think an Exemplary Youth should care about others and volunteer often.



The power of role models is infinite. All around us there are many ambitious, caring young people who love learning, work, and the motherland. They are our role models.

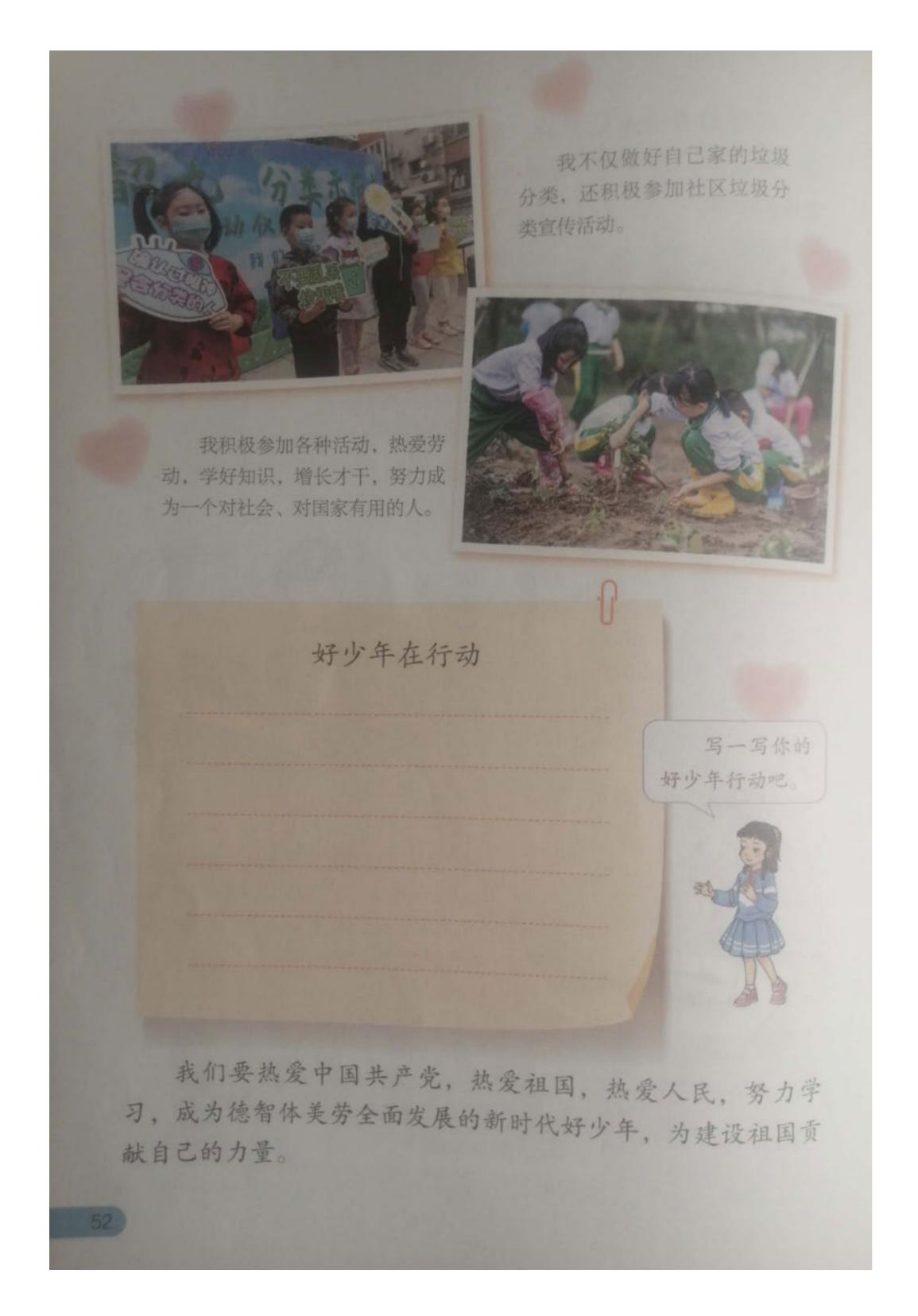
No matter the season or weather, from 6th grade to 9th, he carried him for four whole years. Using a pair of legs, he walked the journey of education for the two.*

* **Translators' Note:** The original text does not have many clues as to what's going on either. If you're confused, we are as well. Maybe he's helping his little brother who had trouble walking?

In his everyday life, he loves innovation, thinking, and doing hands-on activities. During his summer break, he did research and made drawings; he also used recycled materials to make a go-kart from a totaled electric moped. Everyone loved the project.

She practiced traditional calligraphy and art for many years, winning several awards in competitions in the meantime. Not only does she study the arts, she also mobilized those around her to do the same. People call her the "little ambassador of traditional Chinese culture."

There must be a lot of Exemplary Youths around you who we can learn from. Go talk to them and tell us about their stories.



Not only do I sort the garbage in my home, I also eagerly help my community to spread the benefits of waste sorting.

I eagerly participate in numerous activities. I love working. I will study hard so I can become a citizen useful to the society and country.

Why don't you write your own Exemplary Youth action plan.

We have to love the CCP, love the motherland, love the people. We must study diligently and become an New Era Exemplary Youth in all areas: character development, studies, fitness, and the arts... so that we can help to build our motherland.

后记

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Afterword

"Xi Jinping Thoughts on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in a New Era" (the "**Booklets**", or collectively, the "**Booklets**") is organized and authored by the Ministry of Education. In total, 4 seperate Booklets were distributed to elementary and high school students -- with elementary lower-grades, elementary higher-grades, junior high school, and senior high school (including vocational high schols) each receving one.

To strengthen the oversight over the writing of the Booklets, the MoE has established a Booklets Authoring Committee. The committee is chaired by Ai Silin and Wang Binglin. Its members include (by order of the number of strokes in their last name): *Ommitted for sake of brevity*.

The Booklets have been approved by the National Expert Committee on Political Ideology for Textbooks, as well as by the Expert Committee on Unified Character-Moral-Fitness Studies in Mandatory and Higher Education Institutions. The authors have sought opinions from Publicity (*Propaganda*) Department of the CPC Central Committee and CPC Central Committe Institute of Party History and Records. The Booklet was trialed in Beijing, Shanghai, Zhejiang, Henan, Shanxi, and other provinces and cities. Veteran educators from Beijing, Shandong, Guangdong, Chongqing, Yunnan, and other provinces and cities have reviewed the Booklet and provided valuable feedbacks. Li Xiaodong and Zhang Zengdong participated in activities related to the writing of the Booklets. We hereby sincerely thank all the experts, educators, and editors who have participated in the editing and inspection efforts.

We welcome any comments from teachers and students who are currently using the Booklet.

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