<u>Taihang Anti-Japanese Aggression Base</u> remembered

Zuoquan County in Shanxi Province convened a seminar commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Taihang Anti-Japanese Aggression Base from July 30 to 31. The seminar, aimed at remembering revolutionary martyrs during the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, conveyed "Taihang revolutionary spirit" and inherited folk culture.



A seminar commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Taihang Anti-Japanese Aggression Base is held in Zuoquan County, Shanxi Province, from July 30 to 31, 2017, [Photo by Yuan Xiao /China.org.cn]

Zuoquan County is located in the southeast of Jinzhong, Shanxi Province and to the west of Taihang Mountain. After General Zuo Quan sacrificed his life in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, Liao County was renamed Zuoquan County in his honor.

Between 1937 to 1945, Zuoquan County took up an important place in the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression.

The Eighth Route Army (led by the Chinese Communist Party during the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression) was located in Zuoquan County for five years. During this period the "Taihang revolutionary spirit" was formed whereby the Eighth Route Army worked and cooperated with local people, overcame hardship and poverty, united to fight against the Japanese invaders,

"We not only should honor martyrs and inherent their spirit, but also pass down the 'Taihang revolutionary spirit' of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression to the younger generations," said Liu Wu, grandson of General Zhu De, senior colonel of the People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force.

Also, the unveiling ceremony of Taihang Anti-Japanese Aggression Academy was held during the seminar. The academy, which focuses on studying the history of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression in the Taihang Mountain, promotes the "Taihang revolutionary spirit" and will improve historical research on this topic.