

# I am a Chinese



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*Who am I? I am a daughter of my parents, I am a citizen of Macao, I am a Chinese. Macao is a part of China and I was born a Chinese. But... how much do I know about my Motherland? This question has come to my mind when the city begins to be surrounded by the atmosphere of the 'double - celebration' - This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region.*

*Every day before the afternoon and evening news, the national anthem is played together with some extracts of the achievements of the Motherland and Macao SAR. In the past, when I heard the song, I just took it for granted and thought the news was coming. Recently, I begin to listen to the meaning of the lyrics. Yes, behind all the glamorous moments, the people of China have undergone a lot of hardship. It is with their perseverance and solidarity that the country can be as strong as it is now. The most obvious examples which embody these qualities are the snow disaster, the earthquake, the Olympic Games, and the space walk last year. The selflessness, the passion, and the achievements of the Chinese really moved me.*

*Though in modern China, we probably do not have to literally 'amount our flesh and blood towards our new Great Wall' or have to '(brave) the enemy's gunfire' as what the national anthem stated. However, I believe each and every Chinese will be hand in hand and 'march on' to overcome every difficulty which the country will face in the future.*

*I am proud to be a Chinese. As a Chinese and citizen of Macao, I will definitely be more aware of what is happening in my city and my Motherland.*



中華人民共和國國歌：《義勇軍進行曲》  
*National Anthem of the People's Republic of China:  
March of the Volunteers*

起來！不願做奴隸的人們！  
把我們的血肉，  
築成我們新的長城！  
中華民族到了最危險的時候，  
每個人被迫着發出最後的吼聲。  
起來！起來！起來！  
我們萬眾一心，  
冒着敵人的炮火，前進！  
冒着敵人的炮火，前進！  
前進！前進！進！

*Arise, ye who refuse to be slaves!  
Let us amount our flesh and blood  
towards our new Great Wall!  
The Chinese nation faces its  
greatest peril,  
The thundering roar of our peoples will  
be heard!  
Arise! Arise! Arise!  
We are many, but our hearts beat  
as one!  
Selflessly braving the enemy's gunfire,  
march on!  
Selflessly braving the enemy's gunfire,  
march on!  
March on! March on! on!  
my's gunfire, march on!  
Selflessly braving the enemy's gunfire,  
march on!  
March on! March on! on!*

*Note: The English translation of the national anthem is extracted from the Chinese Government's  
Official Web Portal: [http://english.gov.cn/2005-08/16/content\\_23523.htm](http://english.gov.cn/2005-08/16/content_23523.htm).*