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A clock frozen at the very point of impact (top); Prime Minister Wen Jiabao inspects the rescue effort in the wake of the disaster (above); a massive crowd gathered at Tiananmen Square with the flag at half mast to honor the victims in a moment of silence (below)

The Earthquake and its Aftermath

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APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM MONDAY, MAY 12TH, THE SICHUAN EARTHQUAKE rocked China and shocked the world. Within hours, the rescue mission was underway, the leaders of China were rushing to the frontline, and the media was mobilized in full force. As the scale of the destruction became increasingly clear, the whole of China focused on one mission – saving lives at all costs – and on one vision: China is all one family and no one will be left behind.

In the face of such a momentous calamity, Chinese leaders have shown that they are not only individuals with wisdom and strength, but, more importantly, they are citizens among their people. With the enormous challenge of rebuilding that lies ahead, China's citizens and leaders will be tested by the effort of turning all the touching moments of rescue into an enduring reconstruction of the lives, hopes, and dreams of 45 million people.

In this special section, we invited guests from the public, private, and media sectors to share their insights on the rescue mission, the omnipresent compassion and awakening of social responsibility; the profound social change that is reflected in China's efforts to overcome this natural disaster, working together as One Citizen.

Our deepest gratitude goes to all the participating leaders who squeezed time from their busy rescue schedule to speak to our readers and to Xinhua News Agency for providing us all the photos taken from the earthquake site. Our heartfelt thanks also goes to our staff and volunteers for being an MIP (Mission Impossible Possible) team. We salute the ultimate MIPs who are devoting their lives to rescuing and rebuilding.

If you want to know more about the earthquake and its aftermath, or want to offer help or suggestions with the reconstruction effort, please contact us at China@leadersmag.com. We thank you and will pass on your kindness to those in need. 🇨🇳

