Deng Qingming

Never gives up his dream

After over 24 years of waiting, Deng Qingming finally got the chance to make his dream of flying into space come true. He joined the mission of Shenzhou-15, and will stay in space for six months.

Deng was born in 1966 in a small village of Jiangxi Province. At an early age, a special chance changed his life: he passed all the tests of pilot selection(选拔) and became a pilot. His villagers were all proud of him. From then on, a seed of flying into space was planted in his heart.

To realize the dream, Deng spent almost all his time training and became an excellent fighter pilot (战斗机飞行员). In 1998, Deng was selected as one of the first group of Chinese astronauts. That was a huge step towards his dream. During the following years, Yang Liwei became the first Chinese space traveller, Nie Haisheng went to space for three times, and Zhai Zhigang made the first spacewalk for China. Deng didn't get the chance to perform(执行) a space mission.“I was once in tears,but I have never given up my dream," he said.

Already a grandfather, Deng's road to space is longer than that of his peers (同辈). He is 56 years old, but he tries his best to face all kinds of strict training every day. Thanks to his hard work of 24 years and 10 months, in 2022, he finally made his dream—flying into space—come true.