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Ever since my youth, the writings of Einstein had always enlightened my life. However, I later began to follow Marxism and threw myself into the Chinese revolution. Yet, ironically, after the victory of the revolution I myself became a target of the revolutionary dictatorship. Started from 1962 I collected, edited and translated “Collected Works of Einstein” in the countryside. Fourteen years later the three-volume collected works were published in China, which created immense impacts to Chinese intellectuals. It was Einstein’s thoughts on human rights and democracy that awakened me. Since then I have devoted myself to the fight for human rights and to the cause of democratic enlightenment in China. My goal is to transform an autocratic China that tramples human rights into a democratic and free modern China that respects human rights.