

Another Battle Series No.8, 120x200cm, 2001

“Another Battle” Series (2001) is influenced by the snapshots of patriotism and heroism extolled in the old movies talking about safeguarding the motherland that I watched in childhood. The heroes gave their lives for the liberation of New China in movies like “Landmine War”, “Guerrilla War”, “Three Liberation Wars”, etc. I used to dream about becoming a soldier, too. Up until now, this dream has not been realized. Nowadays economic reconstruction is like a war that progresses so rapidly and intensely. In this war, we have to face contradictions from both Chinese ancient civilization and modern western civilization. I call these contradictions “Another Battle”. In this battle of “defending our country”, without fire and gunshots, I portray myself as a defeated commander. It looks there is no winner at all in this battle.