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Managing Director and Head of Greater China Investment Banking at Lazard China, feminist and author Yan Lan grew up in the midst of communism led by Mao Zedong. The communist idea of equality instilled something in Yan Lan's young mind that being a woman should not be a barrier to achievement.



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In 2012, Yan Lan was honoured as a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, which is part of the national patrimony of France, embodying strong values tied to the country. She attended the award ceremony with her family and Her Excellency Sylvie Bermann (former French ambassador in China).



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Yan Lan was awarded the prix Simone Veil in France in 2017 for her book, *The House of Yan, a Family at the Heart of a Century of Chinese History*.

