BC ALPHA WORK REPORT
(JULY 2021 – JULY 2022)

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President of BC ALPHA
BC ALPHA has committed to financially support this project of Pacific Atrocities Education (PAE). The scanned documents are categorized and archived at:

Archives - Pacific Atrocities Education

http://pacificatrocitiesedu.reclaim.hosting/

We have donated USD5000 to PAE so far. Will follow up with PAE regarding our 2nd donation to support this project.
Support publication of VISAS to Shanghai

This book was made possible through the generous support of the British Columbia Association for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (BC ALPHA).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Robert F. Holden, sponsored by NJ and BC ALPHA, made the journey to China in 2006 in order to study the Nanking Massacre and the extent of Japanese aggression against the Chinese during WWII.

This trip changed his life forever, and he continues to give presentations about this educational pilgrimage.

“Show me, I’ll remember; involve me, I’ll understand.”

—BC ALPHA

ISBN 978-1-935232-24-7
$19.95

Robert F. Holden
Illustrations by Joy Kolitsky
Support publication of VISAS to Shanghai

BC ALPHA has donated a total of US$3,605.50 for printing 200 copies of the book to be distributed by the author to his educational network.

This book is about the story of Feng-Shan Ho, a Chinese diplomat in Vienna who saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. The author is a 2006 Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour participant from New Jersey who later co-author the curriculum guide for NJ educators published by the NJ Holocaust Education Commission in 2007.

The Feng-Shan Ho book will cover the background of WWII in both the European and Asia Theatre aiming at Junior High students with illustrations.
Supported various events related to “Comfort Women” issue in the form of participation and promotion
August 13, 2021
Documentary Film “Shusenjo“ (主戦場) online screening

COMFORT WOMEN AND JAPAN’S WAR ON HISTORY
August 14, 2021
9th International Memorial Day for Japanese Military “Comfort Women”

- solidarity message FULL: https://youtu.be/EU9sB_OIvWE (Thekla’s message from 9:01-10:22)
- solidarity message 5min: https://youtu.be/nojerR9eivU
- Lee Ok-seon and Lee Yong-soo halmoni: https://youtu.be/Ow3jfX1EwSE
- congratulatory messages for International Conference: https://youtu.be/ml_yOqpbcu4
- Kim Hak-soon's Public Testimony 30th Anniversary: https://youtu.be/SRzROS_3fAQ
- Korean Council YouTube channel. https://youtube.com/thekoreancouncil
October 22 & 29
Webinar Series on Japanese Military Sexual Slavery Issue

THE KOREAN COUNCIL—
WEBINAR PROGRAM ON JAPANESE MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY

The Korean Council’s webinar program seeks to provide in-depth and intersectional understanding of the Japanese military sexual slavery issue for transnational English-speaking youth participants. Planned by a transnational youth organizing committee, the webinars will provide a space for remembrance, education, and empowerment for youth who want to learn more about the issue and get involved in the movement for justice.

Sign up for the webinar here: bit.ly/kcweb21

Oct 22 6pm PST/9pm EST
Webinar 1: Remembrance and redress

Oct 29 6pm PST/9pm EST
Webinar 2: Transnational Solidarity
October 14 – November 6, 2022
Online Film Screening

FILM SCREENING

Watch film screenings accompanying the Korean Council's webinar program to learn more about the Japanese military sexual slavery system. The films will be available on a password-protected link for the audience to watch at any time between two-day time slots.

Sign up for the film screening here: bit.ly/kcwebfilm

Oct 14-16: Shusenjo
Oct 21-23: 22
Oct 28-30: The Apology
Nov 4-6: My Name is Kim Bok-Dong

Discussion meetings
Oct 15 6pm PDT
Nov 4 6pm PDT
Why is the “Comfort Women” issue so intractable?

After Ramseyer: Challenges and Opportunities for Reconciliation

November 15, Monday
7:00PM ET

A conversation with five historians of Japan and its empire, joint authors of “Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War: The Case for Retraction on Grounds of Academic Misconduct.”

In January 2021, Harvard Law School Professor J. Mark Ramseyer published an op-ed and academic article which described the “comfort-women sex-slave story” as “pure fiction” and “exaggerations,” rousing controversy and consternation.

Three decades after the first survivors’ testimonies about their experiences as sex slaves in the imperial Japanese Army, how do we move forward from here? Join us for a discussion that probes the elusive nature reconciliation, and outlines the way ahead for “comfort women” scholarship and advocacy.

REGISTER HERE:

Hannah Shepherd
Yale University

Sayaka Chatani
National University of Singapore

Amy Stanley
Northwestern University

David Ambaras
North Carolina State University

Chelsea Schieder
Aoyama Gakuin University
December 6, 2021
Interview with Grandma Lee

THE INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL ARCHAEOLOGY (IDA) AND COMFORT WOMEN ACTION FOR REDRESS AND EDUCATION (CARE) HOST SPECIAL INTERVIEW AND Q&A WITH “COMFORT WOMEN” SURVIVOR YONG-SOO LEE

“Japan’s Wartime Sex Slaves” features Grandma Lee by British Channel 4’s Unreported World series on YouTube: https://youtu.be/BZyYyXKG51s
December 10, 2021
Statue of Peace 10th Anniversary International Symposium

This Statue of Peace 10th Anniversary International Symposium aims to reflect on the establishment of Statue of Peace both in Korea and abroad and diagnose the backlash of globalized historical revisionism, including the attack of Japanese right-wing against the Statue of Peace. Case presentations from Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Australia, and the United States will share the difficulties of local organizations and solidarity methods. We ask for your interest and participation for the Statue of Peace to be established as a symbol of postcolonialism, anti-discrimination, democracy, and women's human rights and peace around the world.

Statue of Peace 10th Anniversary International Symposium

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April 2022
Support Lee Yong-soo's Plea for Justice for Comfort Women

An Open Letter in Support of Referral of "Comfort Women" Issues to the UN International Court of Justice was issued. BC ALPHA is one of the signatories. Open Letter: "Comfort Women" ICJ (google.com)

Petition can be signed here: Petition · Support Lee Yong-soo's Plea for Justice for Comfort Women · Change.org
June 24, 2022
BC ALPHA signed the Petition

Please sign our international petition!

We Will Not Tolerate the Pressure to Demolish the Statue of Peace in Berlin, Germany!

We Strongly Urge Bezirksamt Mitte to Resolve to Permanently Preserve the Statue of Peace!

- Till: June 30
- Individuals & Organizations all welcome!
- Petition will be delivered to the Berlin Mitte district government

The Korean Council for Justice and Remembrance for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan
Notice of BC ALPHA’s withdrawal of membership from GA was issued.

For details refer to:

AnnouncementCanada ALPHA 加拿大史維會 (alpha-canada.org)
November 11, 2021
Participation at White Poppy Remembrance Day

BC ALPHA participated this event online.
February 28, 2022
Media Release on “Xuzhou Chained Woman” Incident

For full media release in both English and Chinese, visit:

“Xuzhou Chained Woman” Incident: BC ALPHA Expressed Deep Shock 評”徐州鐵鏈女”事件Canada ALPHA 加拿大史維會 (alpha-canada.org)
Stand with the position issued by CARE (Comfort Women Action for Redress & Education), entitled: *Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Record on Sexual Violence and “Comfort Women”*  
(https://www.facebook.com/314524758629863/posts/pfbid02BKZVDeXv9Uh4Cporp vNANYZcA7PSivorQUKZTdWdgYpJBZnVSDvtduYBENeAXNpDI/?d=n)
Website:  www.alpha-canada.org
Facebook page:  https://www.facebook.com/Canada.alpha
Youtube Channel:  https://www.youtube.com/user/CanadaALPHA/featured

We still constructively use our website and social media to post related news and to promote events related to the Asian Holocaust.