

# BC ALPHA WORK REPORT (JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024)

1. Continue to promote and support programs related to issues of “Comfort Women” Including the followings:

- BC ALPHA sent message for the **11th International Memorial Day for Japanese Military “Comfort Women” on August 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **The Eternal Testimony of Chinese “Comfort Women”** held on October 13, 2023 via Zoom.
- On Thursday, November 23, 2023 (Local Time), the **Seoul High Court ruled in favor of the 16 "comfort women" victims' claims against the Japanese government filed in 2016.** [Reuters Report](#), [Kyodo News Report](#)
- **The Asian Solidarity Conference, Historical Implication and Emerging Challenges** held on November 24, 2024 via Zoom
- **CARE “Comfort Women” Scholarship Showcase webinar** in 2023 December <https://youtu.be/11ZCdRVnhwg>
- Columbia Law presents **The Legacy of WWII Asian-Pacific “Comfort Women”** Webinar on February 27, 2024
- Webinar discussion on **Why “Comfort Women” of WWII are Still Relevant Today** on March 20, 2024
- Exhibition on **“Comfort Women” Then and Now: Who They Were and Why We Should Remember Them** at Museum of Social Justice in LA in March 2 to July 14, 2024. **Watch Intro video by the Museum of Social Justice on Instagram [HERE](#).**

2. A letter dated November 14, 2023 was received from AIRD & BERLIS LLP representing PicRights/Mirrorpix, a company that creates and licenses imagery for commercial use. ALPHA was accused to have infringed the copyrights of the logo of Express in [www.alpha-canada.org](http://www.alpha-canada.org) where news items were posted with screenshot of the media website including its logo. As a result, the news article page <https://www.alpha-canada.org/news/alpha-news> has been immediately disabled until all screenshots are removed from the site. On January 16, 2024, a settlement agreement has been reached between ALPHA and PicRights/Mirrorpix with a compensation of \$1000 paid by ALPHA to PicRights/Mirrorpix. During the process, Clark Wilson LLP was hired by ALPHA and the total legal fee for this case was \$2,945.92.

3. In November 2023, it was noticed that in an article, **The CCP’s Magic Bullet** from a newly published book, [The Mosaic Effect - How the Chinese Communist Party Started a Hybrid War in America’s Backyard](#), ALPHA, Nanking Massacre, and Thekla Lit were mentioned insinuating ALPHA and Thekla Lit were supporters of the United Front Department of CCP.

In fact, both Ina Mitchell, one of the author and Ivy Li, author of the problematic article, **The CCP’s Magic Bullet** know that Thekla Lit is a member of the Chinese Concern Group on CCP’s Human Rights Violations. Ina Mitchell also contacted

Thekla Lit while she was writing the book. She checked on ALPHA and her relationship with CCP/United Front. Thekla Lit told her clearly that the mission and works of ALPHA were based on the universal value of human rights, social justice and reconciliation and that ALPHA never worked with nor under United Front nor accepted any sponsorship from it. Thekla Lit even told Ina Mitchell that ALPHA had sue the publisher and author of *Nest of Spies* years ago and won. Thus, it is difficult to understand why the author would still allow Ivy Li to write the article with slandering language against ALPHA and Thekla lit to be included in the book. One more note is Michel Juneau-Katsuya, author of *Nest of Spies* wrote the Afterword for this book.

BC ALPHA board decided that legal advice should be sought regarding this matter to determine if any legal action should be taken against the authors of the article and the books, as well as the publisher. After seriously considering the advice from a few lawyers and that no lawyer is willing to take up the case on pro-bono bases, the board decided that no legal action will be taken at this stage.

4. BC ALPHA has made a donation of \$500 and become one of the Founding Sponsors of the [Archive Quarterly \(AQ\)](#) since March 2024. BC ALPHA's logo appears in the AQ home page. AQ shakes out the archives for primary sources on Indigenous land and British Columbia, sharing:
  - ~ key extracts from archival artifacts
  - ~ quotes and interviews on the issues as they were
  - ~ relatable commentary and a few side-notes
  - ~ images and timelines that connect past and present

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