

BC ALPHA WORK REPORT (JULY 2021 - JULY 2022)

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President of BC ALPHA



Support for Digitizing War Crimes Material

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

HOLDEN

VISAS to Shanghai

The Story of Feng-Shan Ho

*The Chinese Diplomat in Vienna Who Saved
Thousands of Jews During the Holocaust*

VISAS to Shanghai



ROBERT F. HOLDEN

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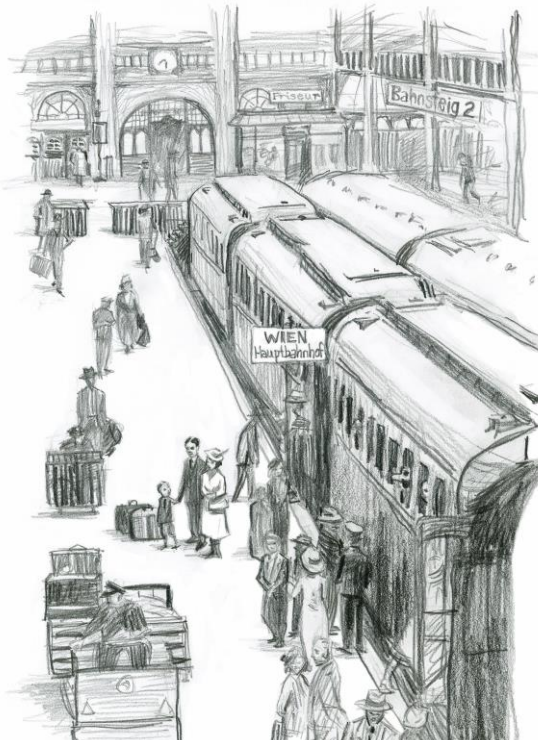
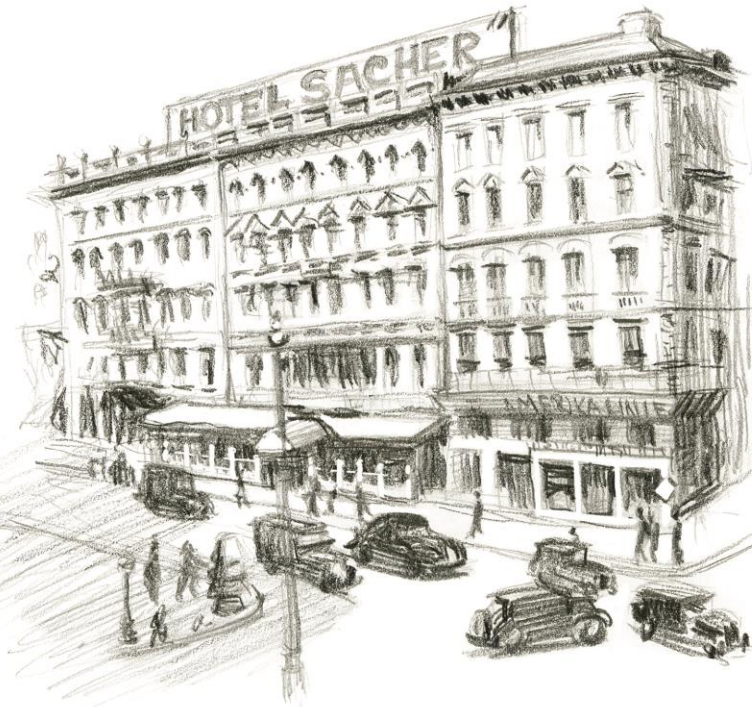
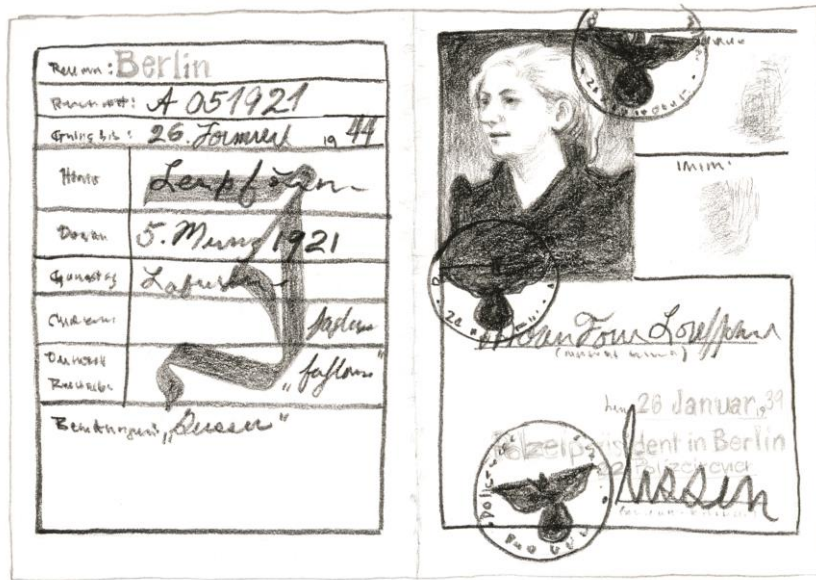

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Support publication of *VISAS to Shanghai*

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.

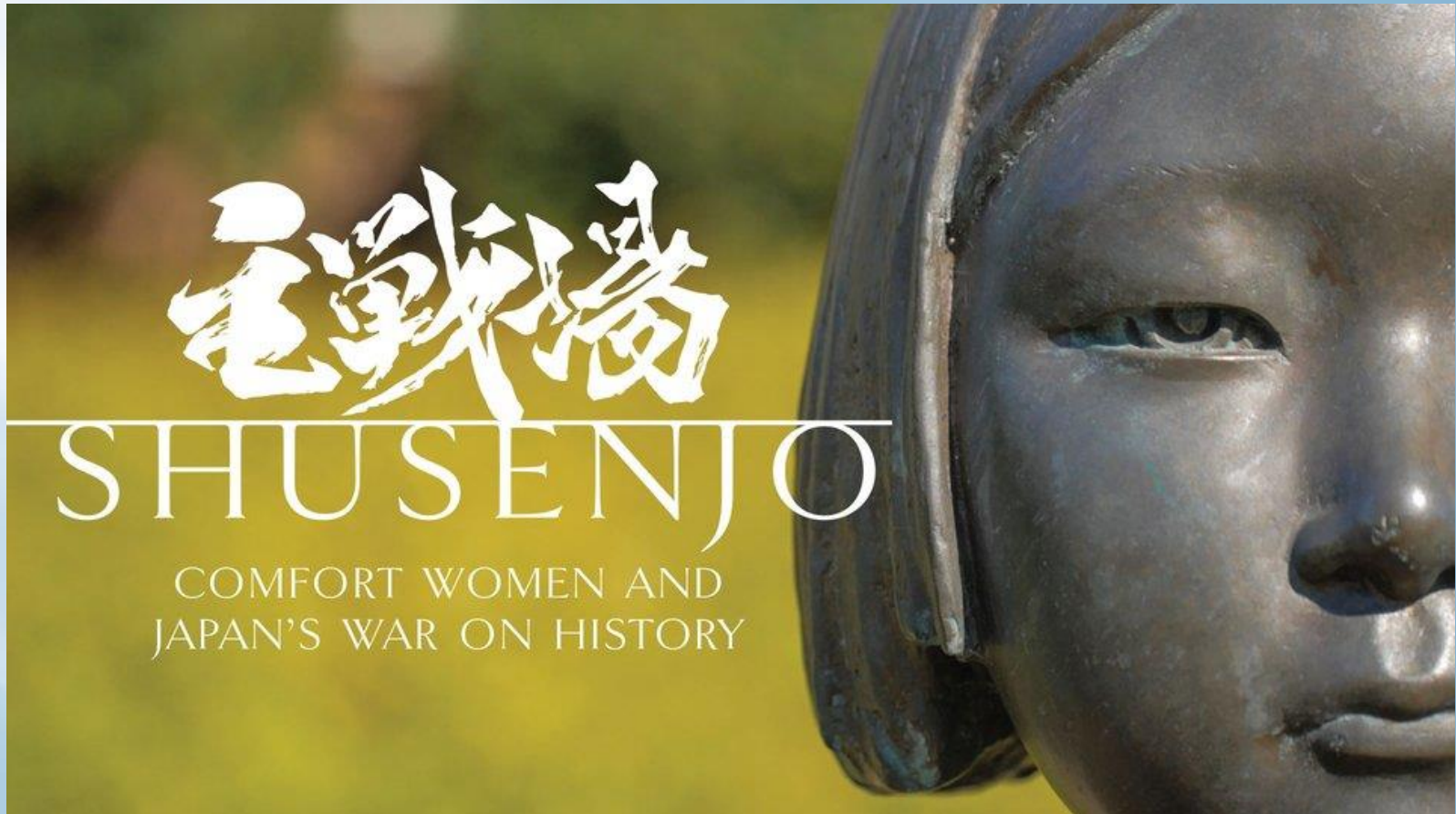
This book is about the story of Feng-Shan Ho, a Chinese diplomat in Vienna who saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. The author is a 2006 Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour participant from New Jersey who later co-authored the curriculum guide for NJ educators published by the NJ Holocaust Education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



August 14, 2021

9th International Memorial Day for Japanese Military “Comfort Women”

- solidarity message FULL: https://youtu.be/EU9sB_OlvWE (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
for Justice and Remembrance
for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan

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



November 15, 2021

Yale's Stand with "Comfort Women"



THE WOMEN'S TABLE
An Academic Series on Women's Rights by
STAND AT YALE

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 a 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

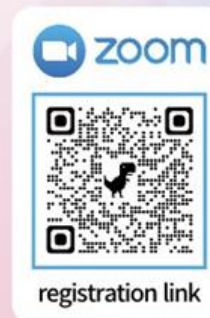
Date/Location Friday December 10, 2021, 19:00~22:00 (Korea Standard Time) Zoom

Language Korean, English, Japanese Simultaneous interpretation and booklet provided

Co-hosts The Korean Council for Justice and Remembrance for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, the Korea Democracy Foundation, and the Fight for Justice (Japan)

registration link bit.ly/peacestatue10

Inquiries The Korean Council email at info@womenandwar.net



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



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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

September 28, 2021

- **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



WHITE POPPIES
are for a culture of peace
wear one this year to
remember all victims of war

Join us on **Nov 11th** for
**LET PEACE BE
THEIR MEMORIAL**

a wreath laying ceremony for
overlooked victims of conflict
Online at 2:00–3:30pm



PeacePoppies.ca/wreath-ceremony

A special, family focused, community event with music,
brief presentations, poetry and participatory singing
Handcrafted wreaths will be laid to commemorate Refugees, Women,
Children, Indigenous Groups, the Environment and more

This free, public event is co-hosted by
VANCOUVER PEACE POPPIES and VANCOUVER UNITARIANS

For poppies & info, see www.peacepoppies.ca or contact Vancouver Peace Poppies 404-437-4453 info@peacepoppies.ca
follow us on facebook: [@VancouverPeacePoppies](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverPeacePoppies)

**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)

July 8, 2022

BC ALPHA's Position On Assassination of Shinzo Abe

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/pfbid02BKZVDeXv9Uh4CporpvNANYZcA7PSivorQUKZTdWdgYpJBZnVSDvtduYBENeAXNpDI/?d=n>)

Website & Social Media:

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.