

BC ALPHA WORK REPORT (JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023)

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November 5, 2022

Celebration of Life for Tatsuo Kage



Thekla's Speech at the Celebration



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Letter to Hon. David Johnston, Special Rapporteur of Canadian Government



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April 28, 2023

To: The Right Honorable David Johnston, Independent Special Rapporteur of Canadian Government
Re: **Foreign Interference in Canada**

Dear The Right Honorable David Johnston,

We are writing to you as a group of concerned Canadian citizens with connections to Asia, who are deeply committed to upholding human rights and promoting racial harmony in Canada. Our Association was founded in 1997 to learn and preserve the history of violations of human rights during World War II in Asia. Throughout the years, we have learned that the integrity of democratic institutions is the core protection against militarism and violations of human rights. History tells us that ambitious and expansionist powers have attempted to use all means to interfere with their targeted countries for their benefit, even long before they created a puppet state or conquered a country or region. Canadians paid a high cost to protect freedom in Asia by defending Hong Kong in 1941. Therefore, we, as Canadians, should learn from history, and take heed of foreign interference in varied modern forms and prevent its exploitation of Canada's core values and way of life.

Based on our observations, we believe that foreign interference in Canada is a real and significant threat to our country's national security. The infiltration of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) on a global and local level is a prime example of this. It is imperative that we acknowledge the severity of this threat and take necessary measures to safeguard our country. Therefore, we suggest the following for your deliberation:

1. Conduct a comprehensive and timely public inquiry that exposes the full extent of the Chinese government's interference in Canada. This will help fortify Canadians' trust in the integrity of our democratic institutions and ensure that our democracy remains strong, transparent, and free from external influence.
2. Create a Canadian Foreign Influence Transparency Registry. This registry will increase transparency and accountability in our democratic processes, preventing the CCP from manipulating and undermining our institutions.

Thank you for considering our concerns and suggestions. We believe that by taking proactive steps to address these issues, Canada can continue to be a beacon of hope and a model of democratic excellence.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Kong
Secretary of BC ALPHA (British Columbia Association for Learning and Preserving the History of
World War II in Asia)
c.c. Board of Directors of BC ALPHA

Support publication of *The Linguist's Family*

BC ALPHA has donated a total of US\$2500 for the publication of the *The Linguist's Family - Toraja in the Dutch East Indies, prisoners of wartime Japan, and the Republic of Indonesia*

This book is co-authored by Peter van der Veen and Marjolein van der Veen.

Dr. Hendrik van der Veen raised his family in rural Tana Toraja. Working on a dictionary and Bible translation for the Dutch Bible Society, 1916-1956, this family history tells of Toraja life, colonial conflict, internment by Japan in WWII, and the national revolution leading to Indonesian independence. Here is an atypical Dutch family - allied with Indonesian independence; an essential chapter of the Asia Pacific War; and one era in global decolonization.

Book Launches of The Linguist's Family



June 3, 2023 at Village Books in Bellingham
June 7, 2023 at Native Education Centre, Vancouver

Thekla's Speech at the Book Launch Events



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Speech at Book Launch of The Linguist's Family 7Jun2023

**Supported various events related to
“Comfort Women” issue in the form
of participation and promotion**

February 17, 2023 Documentary Film “Shusenjo” (主戰場) online screening



DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
with Q&A with Director Miki Dezaki and comments from Dr. Hyung-Gu Lynn (UBC)

主戰場
SHUSENJO

주 전쟁터 | THE MAIN BATTLEGROUND OF THE COMFORT WOMEN ISSUE

A MIKI DEZAKI FILM

Feb 17, 2023 / 16:00-19:30

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March 2023

Save the Statue of Peace 'Nujin' in Kassel!



March 2023

US Should Withdraw Support For S. Korea's 'Forced Mobilization Solution' With Japan



April 25, 2023
BC ALPHA joined CARE
to condemn South Korean President Yoon's
betrayal of "Comfort Women" and
Forced Labor Victims.



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