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## On peace and reconciliation in Asia

by Satoko Norimatsu [Peace Philosophy Centre](#), Vancouver B.C.

I am not in the position to define peace and reconciliation, but I believe that the road to peace and reconciliation lies in everyday life of people who care about the victims' suffering and the responsibility of those individuals, leaders, and states that inflicted it.

Nobuyoshi Takashima's work is one example. As a high school social studies teacher, he went to Malaysia in 1970s. Assisted by local Chinese residents, he was brought to realization about the Japanese Army's massacre of Chinese residents during the wartime . . .

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## Reflections on the issue of Comfort Women

by Allison Pohlka - Grade 12 - Alberta

The knowledge passed by ALPHA's program and their contribution to education has allowed for a deeper understanding of how a war can truly affect countries. The vivid descriptions of the horrors civilians face, the apparent fragility of every society, and the examples of truly inspiring women were effective in providing a clear image of how war affects individuals, specifically those in Asia. The women in Nanking, China during the 1937 Nanking massacre were forced into sex slavery at the hands of Japanese soldiers and faced countless days of torturous, incessant belittlement and sexual assault . . .

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## San Jose honours “Nanking” author Iris Chang

Synopsis report by Edmonton ALPHA

SAN JOSE Feb. 26, 2015

San Jose City Council unanimously approved the creation of an "Iris Chang Memorial Park". The 5-acre park will be set up in North San Jose River Oaks Parkway near where Iris Chang, author of *The Rape of Nanking*, lived during most of her life. In addition to green open space, the park will also offer two tennis courts, a half basketball court and children's playground.



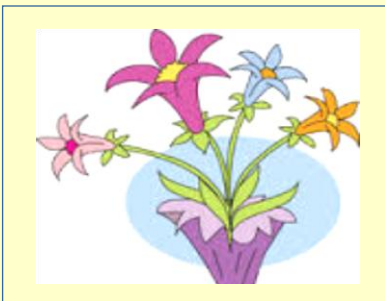
Iris Chang's father Shau-Jin Chang and mother Ying-Ying Chang voiced that their daughter fought for recognition and justice for the many victims of the Asian Holocaust during World War II.

Three years ago Dr. Chang wrote a memoir of her daughter . . .

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## Reflections on Nanking Massacre

by Kaylie Glasman – Grade 12 – Alberta



December 1937, marks the month, and year, of one of the most ruthless massacres in world history. This was the month in which half the city of Nanking, China was ultimately killed. As the rest of the world watched Hitler rise to power in Nazi Germany, the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Chinese, at the hand of the notorious Japanese army, went unnoticed. This was not the extent of their actions either. In addition to the slaughter of many innocent citizens in the Chinese capital, many Korean men were forced to serve in the Japanese army and many Chinese women were forced into sexual slavery for the Japanese soldiers. After reading Iris Chang's *The Rape of Nanking*, I was surprised . . .

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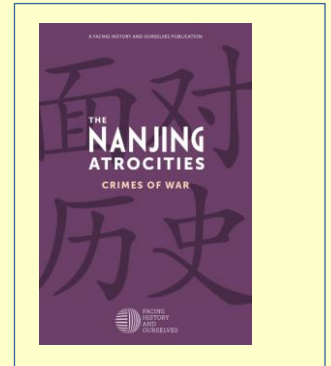
## Memories of the Massacre, Nanjing 1937

by Edmonton ALPHA

The China Central Television Network is hosting a special documentary series under the category of teaching resource material ( kejiiao ).

The subject of the first episode in CCTV's series is Iris Chang and her effort to help the world remember the Asian Holocaust. Beginning the series by focusing on Iris Chang is significant: it honours and acknowledges the important contributions of this exceptional human being.

Episode Two talks about how the movie *Nanking* was inspired and produced . . .



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## Upcoming Activities and Goals

**July** -- Once again Edmonton ALPHA is happy to sponsor a Canadian teacher to participate in the 2015 Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour to China and Korea organized by our sister organization New Jersey ALPHA.

**November** -- EA plans to sponsor two speakers who will offer presentations to high school students on a Thursday, and Friday. As well we will host a public forum on the Saturday. These educational events are similar to the events we hosted in 2013 when . . .



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