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2017 Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour to Asia

New Jersey ALPHA will be organizing a 2017 Asia Study Tour. It will be a 14 day/13 night tour during July 14-27, 2017. It will be an intensive immersion study tour to learn about WWII in Asia, focusing on the atrocities experienced by the Chinese and Koreans. Edmonton ALPHA will do our part to sponsor up to 2 qualified high school teachers from the Edmonton area to participate in this study tour.

The tour will include discussions with victims/survivors, eyewitnesses, museum curators, Chinese/Japanese/Korean historians and researchers, legal experts, NGO community leaders and activists, and other professionals.

Read on . . . <http://edmontonalpha.org/news/201611/A1.pdf>

OKINAWA: The Afterburn

Film Screening followed by discussion
with Satoko Norimatsu of Peace Philosophy Centre

1:30 - 4:30 pm November 26, 2016

Room 137, Telus Centre

11142 87th Avenue NW Edmonton, AB

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Acclaimed in Japan since its release in June 2015, on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa, Okinawa: The Afterburn is the first documentary to provide a comprehensive picture of the Battle and the ensuing 70-year occupation of Okinawa by the US military. The film won Best Documentary in the Kinema Junpo film magazine awards and the Mainichi Film Awards.

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A speech on personal transformation to become a peace activist
by Satoko Norimatsu and reprint with her permission

The young are not responsible for the past wrongdoing of their country, but this does not mean that they do not need to be engaged. . . . The postwar generation is responsible for learning from history and making sure never to wage war again. It is responsible for the present and the future.

Thank you AFAFIC, the Association for Preserving Historical Accuracy of Foreign Invasions in China, for having me at this 13th annual meeting and dinner. It is a great honour and privilege to be here.

I would like to start by reading you a poem by Joy Kogawa, a Japanese Canadian author and poet known for her novel "Obasan." This poem was recited by another Japanese Canadian writer at the solidarity rally in Ottawa in December 2011 to mark the 1000th "Wednesday Demonstration" held in front of the Japanese Embassy in Seoul to call for justice for the victims of wartime Japanese military sexual slavery.

The whole world knows about the Holocaust in Europe.
The whole world will soon know about a holocaust in Asia.
In Germany it is a crime to deny the Holocaust.
In the Land of the Rising Shame, such light does not yet shine.

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Support upcoming Activities of Edmonton ALPHA

November 2016

- Ms. Satoko Norimatsu from Peace Philosophy Centre of Vancouver has accepted our invitation to come to Edmonton between November 23rd and 26th. She will make presentations to high school students on 24th and 25th. On November 26th she will attend the documentary screening of "Okinawa: The Afterburn" and participate in questions and answers with the audience afterwards. Budget estimate is around \$3,000.00.

July 2017

- Once again Edmonton ALPHA will sponsor up to 2 qualified Edmonton high school teachers to participate in the 2017 Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour to China and Korea organized by our sister organization New Jersey ALPHA. Sponsorship for each teacher is around \$3,500.00 CAD.

How You Can Help . . .

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