

**EDMONTON ALPHA** is a volunteer group committed to educating Albertans about the Asian Holocaust by presenting at teachers' conventions, hosting inter-national conferences and creating learning materials for senior high school students.

**Q. Why should we be concerned about the “Forgotten Holocaust” when it is more than 70 years old?**

**A.** Almost 50 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King wrote a letter from a Birmingham jail in which he reminded us that “justice delayed is justice denied.” Today, our world recognizes that there is no statute of limitations on bringing wrongs to light and doing what is right.

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**EDMONTON ALPHA** advocates on behalf of the survivors of Imperial Japan's systems of military sexual slavery, forced labour and human experimentation.

**Q. Why should Canadians care about issues such as the Rape of Nanking and the system of military sexual slavery when the Chinese Government seems reluctant to press Japan on these issues?**

**A.** As the world shrinks, humankind recognizes that the war criminal commits his immoral acts not only against his intended victims; he commits his crimes against all of Humanity.

## THE WORLD IS WAITING

With each passing year the survivors of military sexual slavery and forced labour are dwindling in number. But their cries for justice are not diminishing. Add to that the lingering effect on people and the environment of WMD (e.g., chemical and biological weapons) developed by Japan that remain buried throughout Asia, and Japan's unfulfilled promise to locate and destroy these weapons. Through the efforts of such organizations as Edmonton ALPHA, Toronto ALPHA, BC ALPHA, Global Alliance (U.S.) and now Japan ALPHA, voices are being added to these just causes.

Some may argue that Japan's oligarchy—its corporate elite—is still trying to “save face” by denying their complicity in the war crimes perpetrated by Imperial Japan. However, such inaction, ironically, is achieving just the opposite effect.

Evidence of Imperial Japan's war crimes has been authenticated, and narratives about its misdeeds are reaching a broadening audience. Various governments, including our own Canadian Parliament in 2007, are asking Japan to acknowledge its past.

Decades ago, the international community applauded Germany's acts of contrition and redress as well as its legislation outlawing denial of the Holocaust.

The international community now awaits a Japan that can face its history and, in an act of moral courage, admit its past transgressions, make right its moral debt, and vow to educate its future generations about the perils of ultra-nationalism.

## NEVER TOO LATE TO APOLOGIZE... PROPERLY

In the 1950s, the Canadian government enacted policies to relocate Inuit families from their homes in northern Quebec to the remote High Arctic.

In August 2010—five decades later—Canada's Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development John Duncan **officially apologized** on behalf of the federal government. Standing before a group of Inuit residents in Inukjuak, Quebec, Duncan said, “The government of Canada deeply regrets the mistakes and broken promises of this dark chapter of our history and apologizes for the High Arctic relocation having taken place...”

Duncan's apology included **describing the wrongs** that had been committed by the Canadian government of the day: “They were not provided with adequate shelter and supplies. They were not properly informed of how far away and how different from Inukjuak their new homes would be, and they were not aware that they would be separated into two communities once they arrived in the High Arctic... Moreover, the government failed to act on its promise to return anyone that did not wish to stay in the High Arctic to their old homes.”

In September 2010, Duncan unveiled two **stone monuments** commissioned by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. in Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord. The carvings are dedicated to relocated Inuit families. They also serve as reminders of the historical injustice as well as our nation's sincere effort to foster modern-day recognition and reconciliation.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

JOIN with other volunteers who are helping Edmonton ALPHA with its work. Start by e-mailing us at [info@edmontonalpha.org](mailto:info@edmontonalpha.org).

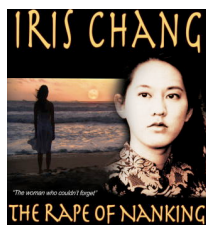
VISIT <http://edmontonalpha.org> and learn about the Forgotten Holocaust.

LEARN more about this sad era of history by reading:

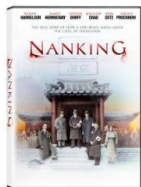
- **Iris Chang's** best-seller book *The Rape of Nanking*. – the book that awoke much of the world from its collective amnesia.
- **Sheldon H. Harris's** *Factories of Death*, Meet Imperial Japan's version of Nazi Germany's Josef Mengele – Dr. Shirō Ishii – and learn about Japan's human experimentation and Weapons of Mass Destruction (biological and chemical).
- Canadian **Erna Paris's** work *Long Shadows* reveals the people who rewrite the past, and how that power is used and abused. Learn too about [Paris's efforts to bring about reconciliation](#) between China and Japan.

VIEW your own copy of the award-winning docudrama *Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking*:

To order, e-mail: [info@edmontonalpha.org](mailto:info@edmontonalpha.org)



VIEW other DVDs on the Forgotten Holocaust:



*Nanking*  
(2008)



*John Rabe*  
(2009)



*Flowers of War*  
(2011)

**EDMONTON ALPHA** strives to educate those who want to learn more about the "Forgotten Holocaust" (1910-1945). Here are some websites worth exploring:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2005/10/30/a-very-lonely-japan.html>

[http://www.ica.apc.org/web-news/corpwatch-  
jp/35.html](http://www.ica.apc.org/web-news/corpwatch-jp/35.html)

<http://www.nj1937.org/english/default.asp>

[http://www.vanessadfisher.com/blog/the-comfort-  
women-of-korea-the-house-of-sharing](http://www.vanessadfisher.com/blog/the-comfort-women-of-korea-the-house-of-sharing)

## ALPHA'S MANDATE & MISSION

- To promote global awareness and recognition of the Asian WWII atrocities
- To ensure the truthfulness of the historical records about WWII in Asia
- To pursue justice for the victims of WWII in Asia and foster reconciliation and peace
- To foster education on humanity and racial harmony, particularly for younger generations



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