



Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour for Educators (2009) *Toronto Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia*

Organizer: Toronto ALPHA

Supporters:

- ♦ Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association (OHASSTA)
- ♦ Ontario History, Humanities and Social Science Consultants' Association (OHHASSCA)

Tour objectives:

To enhance teachers' knowledge and understanding of WWII atrocities in Asia, from the perspectives of historical facts, education about humanity and social justice, through visits to museums, historical sites, meetings with survivors, and dialogues with local historians, scholars, teachers and lawyers in China and Korea. By doing so, it is our hope that our participating educators can make professional contributions by sharing their study tour observations and experiences with their students and colleagues in the teaching of social responsibility and global citizenship.

2009 Study Tour Itineraries:

This is the sixth Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour for Educators to Asia since 2004. Apart from China, the group will visit Seoul, Korea to study the "Comfort Women" issue and meet with Korean survivors. Cities to be visited in China will tentatively include Shanghai, Beijing, Nanjing & Harbin). The tour will be conducted from July 2-16. Please visit www.torontoalpha.org for previous Study Tour information and to view the 2006 and 2008 Study Tour DVDs (ca 14 mins). You can email info@torontoalpha.org for more information.

Costs:

Toronto ALPHA offers substantial subsidies for selected applicants:

- ♦ Covering all the basic expenses during the study tour – including hotel (3-star) accommodations (double occupancy), major meals per day, scheduled site visits, and related transportation;
- ♦ Subsidizing part of the international flights cost between Seoul and China.

Selected members are responsible for \$1,800 as a contribution to our organization, and will be issued tax receipt at the end of the year. Participants will be responsible to pay for all extended site visits, visitor visa fee, international airport taxes, medical and accident/cancellation insurance and personal expenses.

The subsidy funds are raised by Toronto ALPHA with significant contributions from the community.

Expectations for the participating educators:

- ♦ Participate in all pre-tour meetings unless approved by the organizing committee (scheduled on April 12, May 17 and June 14) and complete **all** required pre-tour readings
- ♦ Attend all scheduled visits and sessions during the Study Tour
- ♦ Prepare journals during the tour and share with the group
- ♦ Attend a post-tour meeting with future teaching plan
- ♦ Share, after the trip, their experience with students/colleagues through presentations in schools, associations and/or other channels
- ♦ Attend sharing sessions with other ALPHA members
- ♦ Contribute to the process of integrating these topics and materials into the school curriculum; develop new education resources pertinent to the Asian WWII history and humanity education

Applicants should ensure that they are both physically and emotionally prepared for the demanding itinerary and group activities



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HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the following Personal and Professional information

(I) Personal Information

Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Mobile) _____
Email (s): _____ Fax No. _____

(II) Current Position

Job Title: _____
Name of School/Department: _____
School Board/Organization: _____

(III) Professional Affiliations

<u>Professional Association</u>	<u>Position held</u> (e.g., regular member, president)	<u>Year</u>
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2. Submit a resume listing your educational and professional training, as well as your past working experiences and contact information of two work references

3. Prepare a statement with answers to the following questions:

- Where or how did you learn about this study tour?
- Why are you interested in joining this study tour?
- How much do you know about the WWII History in Asia?
- How do you think you can benefit students and/or teachers from your experience in this study tour?
- Please express your views on the following comment:
“Governments of some victimized countries, such as China, have provided very little assistance to victims after the war, and there are cases in which some governments have committed human rights violation against their own people without offering any redress. Therefore, this demand of justice from Japan from the victims is not appropriate or such demands are just used for the purpose of Japan bashing.”

APPLICANT Signature

DATE

Please submit your 1) completed application 2) Resume 3) personal statement no later than **March 20, 2009** either by fax (416-222-5742) or via e-mail (info@torontoalpha.org). You may also download an electronic form from www.torontoalpha.org. Potential candidates will be notified by **March 23, 2009** for an interview and tour orientation which will be held on **March 29, 2009***. The final selection will be made before mid-April 2009.

* Special arrangements will be made for non-Ontario applicants