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The 852 Freedom Campaign is launching the Remember 'Comfort Women' Campaign in Hong Kong to raise awareness about 'Comfort Women' Military Sex Slavery Survivors and Modern Day Slavery in schools, universities and companies. Learning about the largely untold history of "comfort women" helps address modern sexual slavery. This historical human rights violation is linked to modern day sex slavery: the comfort women forced prostitution system is a form of sexual enslavement that never went away.

This campaign to remember 'Comfort women'-- a terrible euphemism for girls and women forced into sex slavery for the Imperial Japanese military before and during WWII--includes education seminars based on the book *Silenced No More*, and a documentary film 'Healing River' showings in schools, universities and companies, and art exhibits.



In the near future, a stream of media will be produced including movies, television specials, magazine articles, art works, and books. This little known historical atrocity against girls and women must be exposed to encourage a grassroots reconciliation process to begin in Asia - for the healing of both the victims and perpetrators alike, as well as for the nations involved.

We must remember this chapter of history. But we can work together for more healing and reconciliation, so that the future generations of Chinese, Koreans and Japanese will not have to deal with the historical wounds from WWII anymore. We can look forward to a peaceful future.

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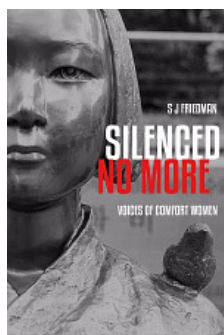
Sylvia Yu (S.J.) Friedman spent ten years to research and write the book 'Silenced No More: Voices of Comfort Women'. The book aims to spread the message of reconciliation in Asia. Please find below the book summary for your reference.

S.J. Friedman is an Asia-based award-winning human rights reporter, writer, filmmaker and philanthropy advisor. As a philanthropy advisor, she directs funds to non-profit organizations in Asia to fight human trafficking. Friedman can share her vision and heart in the fight against modern-day slavery, how she became involved in the topic of 'comfort women' (which is a form of sex slavery), her journey in visiting and interviewing different comfort women over the years, and why she believes reconciliation in Asia is so important.

Silenced No More: Voices of Comfort Women

This book weaves the unforgettable stories of the suffering voiceless with themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and unflagging hope, together with the author's own investigative journey into a tapestry that will open your eyes to one of the largest human rights tragedies in the 20th century: hundreds of thousands of girls and women were trafficked into Japanese Imperial military sex slavery before and during WWII. The grave injustice that was never dealt with at the end of World War II has enabled another cycle of recurrent sex trafficking and prostitution to flourish into a multi-million dollar industry in Japan and the rest of Asia. History infects the present and determines our future. It is this untold history that the author explores.

What happened to these women must be remembered.



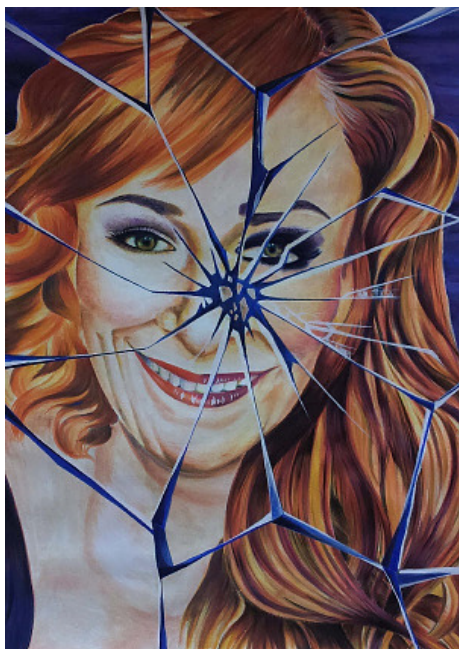
Healing River:

This 28 minute film with English/Traditional Chinese subtitles documents the work of Tokyo-based Tomoko Hasegawa who led reconciliation teams to China to apologise to the comfort women survivors in Qinxian and Wuxiang areas in Shanxi province from 2008 to 2012. These elderly women survivors were almost forgotten by the rest of the world. This Japanese reconciliation team felt a deep moral obligation to apologise to the survivors of Imperial Japanese military sex slavery since their own government had failed to sincerely apologise for the human rights violations of the past.

Korean-Canadian Sylvia Yu (S.J.) Friedman wrote the script & conducted the interviews for the film and is launching her book Silenced No More: Voices of Comfort Women.

Art by HK artists inspired by the comfort women survivors

Art exhibits on 'comfort women' and human trafficking can be set up at your school or company. Jasmine Chiu and Esda Ng can present their art work on comfort women & slavery.



Documentary trailer for Healing River film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkcLgQXQokU&feature=youtu.be>

Book available at: http://www.amazon.com/Silenced-No-More-Voices-Comfort-ebook/dp/B013lFN0P0/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1438910290&sr=8-2&keywords=s.j.+friedman

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