

Nancy Lo attended the Global Alliance (GA) for preserving the history of WWII in Asia 2012 Biennial conference from September 14-16 at Double tree Hotel and conference Center, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Maryland. Close to 50 people attended the three-day conference. The theme of the conference was US-Asia Issues in Education. Two high school history teachers talked about the issues: Stephanie Rizas, a high school history teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland, on “Teacher, Curricula development for Pacific War Study in Maryland” and Patrick McElhaney, AP and social science teacher, Point Loma high school, San Diego, on “Teacher, Changing educational policy in California”. Stephanie Rizas compiled a teaching guide for WWII in Asia-Pacific theater: a teaching guide with support from Asia Pacific World War II Atrocities Memorial, Inc. Lessons are for students of 11 and 12 grades only. The APHAFIC had asked for 20 copies to be delivered to history teachers in San Diego.

Other topics included Korean comfort women issues by Prof. Ok Cha Soh, the comfort women memorial monument by CJ Park. Stories of two WWII ex-POWs at Bataan death March, US Archives studies and analysis by Prof. Chris Simpson and "Spirit of '45" Flying Tigers in History by Warren Hegg who invited GA to participate 2015, the commemoration of 70th anniversary of the end of WWII in August 2015 to honor in particular General Chaulot.

In the morning of September 17<sup>th</sup>, GA group and many local Chinese communities participated in a demonstration in front of the Japanese embassy to demand Japanese government to return Diouy Tai to China or Taiwan and Japanese former apology to China for their WWII atrocities. Both Peter Stanek, GA president, and Jeff Chen, president of Asia Pacific World War II Atrocities Memorial, Inc. delivered a letter to Japanese ambassador.



Dr. Pete Stanek, President of GA, gave opening remarks with Stephanie Rizas, Patrick McElhaney and Jeff Chen on stage.ss



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