

Point Loma History Awards Banquet on June 2, 2015

One of the activities APHAFIC has promoted is sponsoring local history/social studies teacher/scholar to a studying tour/group visiting China. Two San Diego high school history teachers participated the summer study tours: Mr. Aaron DeGroot, a former teacher of San Diego high school, participated in 2009 summer study tour and Mr. Patrick McElhaney of Point Loma High School participated in the 2011 peace and reconciliation tour. Mr. McElhaney has taught around 100 social studies/history class students about The Rape of Nanking and Sino-Japanese relationship each year. The students are asked to write an essay after the class, including viewing a documentary movie of 'Nanking'. Top ten students have been selected and recognized for their outstanding performance.

Point Loma High School held the 10th Awards Banquet at Bali Hai Restaurant on June 2nd, 2015. APHAFIC donated \$500.00 cash award toward the event. Fifteen students have been chosen to receive Nanking award. Mr. Jack Meng, APHAFIC vice-president, gave a short speech on the mission of APHAFIC and importance of understanding WWII history. He presented cash award, certificate of recognition to 15 students and ten copies of "The Undaunted Women of Nanking" written by Hua-Ling Hu and Lian-Hong Zhang to some award winners.



Jack Meng (the fifth from right) at the Point Loma history award banquet with students