

A documentary by Dai Sil Kim-Gibson, *Silence broken: Korean comfort women*, with English subtitles, is available on VHS. See www.twotigers.org/silence/silencefilm.asp for more information about the film.

Currently we are also supporting the Korean Council's fundraising to build a War, Women and Human Rights Museum in Seoul, Korea.

Post-interview update regarding the activities of Friends of 'Comfort Women' in Australia

On Wednesday, 7 March 2007, around 60 people, including three survivors of the 'comfort women' system, gathered in protest outside the Japanese Consulate in Martin Place, Sydney, for the Wednesday Demonstration. The protest included speeches and the presentation of a petition and letter of appeal to a Japanese Consulate representative. To date, there has been no formal apology. The demonstration received wide media attention.

The invitation to join FCWA is open to anyone who is ready to demand justice for 'comfort women' in Australia. Subscriptions to our newsletter may be made by emailing fcw_australia@hotmail.com. Further information on FCWA can be found on their website: www.fcwa.org.au

ACSSA's Promising Practice Database

Many readers would be familiar with the ACSSA Good Practice Database, the online database of Australian sexual assault projects and services. This has been a popular resource, recording nearly 30,000 visits during 2006, and we hope this will continue to be a useful source of information.

As a 'work in progress', we are always thinking about how to improve the database. We are introducing a few minor changes to make things easier for those who are accessing the database, as well as for those who would like their work to be included.

Firstly, the database will now be called a 'Promising Practice Database'. This reflects the fact that ACSSA simply does not have the capacity to conduct a thorough evaluation of every project. To use the term 'good practice' suggested that the projects had been independently evaluated as meeting a particular set of standards, and this was not the case. While there is a set of criteria that projects respond to, these are more for the purpose of description rather than evaluation.

Secondly, we are working with the Web Officer to come up with ways to make the database more searchable, to make it easier for you to find what you are looking for! You might notice some changes to the way the database is organised when you visit over the coming months.

Lastly, we tried to make the submission process smoother. This will always be a challenging part of the process, as we try to balance the time constraints faced by workers in the field, with the need to get enough information about the projects to make the database as comprehensive as possible. We have made some small changes to the submission form, which we hope will make things clearer. Please be assured that all existing entries will remain online—there is no need to complete a new form for projects already in the database.

People who want to submit a project for the database have two options:

- download and return the completed submission form to ACSSA; or
- contact ACSSA and arrange for someone to go through the form with you over the phone.

We are always open to your suggestions about how the database could be improved and would be happy to hear from you. Visit www.aifs.gov.au/acssa/ppdb/promisingpractice.html