

From Classrooms to Continents

HKHTC School Year-End Highlights 2025–26 · Expanding Holocaust & Tolerance Education Across Asia

Dear Friends,

As the 2025–26 school year closes, HKHTC celebrates a year of bold, Asia-focused growth. From Manila workshops to Cambodian memorial sites, from packed Hong Kong school halls filled by a 93-year-old survivor's voice to films that keep memory alive — we continue equipping educators and students with the tools of historical understanding, empathy, and moral courage.

Expanding Across Asia: Workshops That Multiply Impact

Led by Executive Director Simon K. Li (Senior Non-Residential Fellow, USC Shoah Foundation), our regional series trained future educators and youth to confront antisemitism and genocide through rigorous historical understanding.



Manila, Philippines (December 2025) — Educators & youth at Holocaust, Genocide & Tolerance Education workshops

Manila (Dec 2025) — Intensive workshops strengthening the Philippines' next generation of teachers and civic voices on Holocaust, Genocide & Tolerance Education.



Cambodia (March 2026) — HKU & CityU student ambassadors at Tuol Sleng and related sites

Cambodia (Mar 2026) — Student ambassadors from HKU and City University of Hong Kong connected Asian histories of atrocity with universal lessons of human dignity. These programmes embody our Asia-first strategy: equipping local educators so Holocaust and genocide education takes deep root in regional classrooms.

School Programmes — Student Ambassadors Lead the Way



HKHTC student ambassadors at the French International School (left) and American International School (right)

We delivered school lectures and workshops with more than 60 schools and educational partners this school year. A flagship pilot saw HKU and CityU student ambassadors — alumni of our Cambodian Genocide Programme — co-facilitate interactive Holocaust and genocide sessions at different high schools in Hong Kong. Peer-to-peer authenticity that only young leaders can deliver.

Survivor Testimony That Transforms: Larissa Cain's Historic Visit

In January 2026, 93-year-old Warsaw Ghetto survivor and Paris-based author **Larissa Cain** became the living heart of Hong Kong's UN Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations and a city-wide schools tour.



Left: UNHMD Commemoration poster · Right: Standing together at ESF South Island School, 27 January 2026

Schools speaking tour: Diocesan Boys' School · Christian Alliance International School · Chinese International School · Carmel School Association Elsa High School · French International School (Happy Valley). She also joined the Goethe-Institut–HKHTC film series and community events at Parenthèses Librairie Française.



Left: Larissa Cain at Broadway Cinematheque · Right: Packed hall at Diocesan Boys' School

Her message, distilled for every student and adult who heard her:

"Memory is responsibility. Listening is action. Learning honours the past."

A Year 7 student at South Island School captured the power of testimony in a short video reflection — proof that survivor voices continue to inspire the next generation to question, care, and choose justice. **Scan the QR code to watch the video clip.**



Screening Memory: Goethe-Institut Film Series



The Conference — one of three films in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day programme

25 Jan–1 Feb 2026: HKHTC partnered with Goethe-Institut Hong Kong for a special film programme. Screenings included *The Disappearance of Josef Mengele*, *The Commandant's Shadow* (virtual Q&A with director Daniela Völker), and *The Conference* — capped by a post-screening talk with Larissa Cain.

Yom HaShoah 2026 — Jill Margo AM



Jill Margo AM shares the personal story "In Birkenau, there stands a wagon"

Award-winning journalist and biographer of Frank Lowy, Jill Margo AM brought home the human cost of the Holocaust and the enduring duty of remembrance for Yom HaShoah 2026.

Coming in November: Genesis of Superheroes

Did you know Captain America punched Hitler on a comic cover a year before the US entered WWII — and that Superman's creators received Nazi hate mail for it? This November, HKHTC brings the Center for Jewish History (New York)'s acclaimed comics exhibition to Hong Kong in a bilingual edition hosted by the French International School. Students will explore how the modern superhero was born in the fight against fascism, and meet trained student docents leading the tours. Stay tuned!

Looking Ahead — and Thank You

From local school visits to regional educator training, from a living survivor's voice filling Hong Kong halls to films that refuse to let memory fade — this year proved that Holocaust and tolerance education thrives when it is local, rigorous, and hopeful. We are deeply grateful to our partner schools, universities, consulates, foundations, student ambassadors, and every supporter who makes this work possible.

As we turn toward 2026–27, we remain committed to equipping Asia's educators and young people with the tools of historical understanding, critical thinking, and moral courage. Together we build memory. Together we inspire action.

Have a wonderful summer and with deep appreciation,

The HKHTC Team

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