The One Year Anniversary of Comfort Women Memorial Peace Garden

When: 3 PM – 6 PM, Thursday, May 21 of 2015

Where: Fairfax County Governments Center

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

WCCW is hosting the First Anniversary of Comfort Women Memorial Peace Garden (CWMPG) to commemorate "comfort women," young women and girls from more than a dozen nations of Korea, China, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesian, Malaysia, Vietnam, the Netherlands, and East Timor, who became victims of human trafficking and sexual slavery by the Imperial Japanese Forces during WWII.

Program Part I: Ceremony

Welcoming Remark Jungsil Lee, WCCW President

Congratulatory Remarks

Mike Collins, on behalf of Congressman Gerry Connolly

T. Kumar, Director, Amnesty International

Susan Lee, State Senator, State of Maryland

Dennis Halpin, scholar at US-Korea Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins U

Mark Keam, Delegate, Commonwealth of Virginia

Keynote Speech Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Presentation of *Can You Hear Us?*

English translation of audio testimonies by "comfort women"

Recognition and Award for CWMPG

Sharon Bulova, Grace Wolf, Willaim Hwang, Christine Choi, and Sami Lauri

Award Recipients' Remarks

Grace Han Wolf and Christine Choi

Showcase Comfort Women: A New Musical, directed by Dimo Hyunjun Kim

Silence by Meagan Lee Hodson as Goeun Kim There You Go by Garett T. K. Taketa as Minsik Lee

Program Part II: Special Presentation

Performance by the Peach Mission Korean Dance Group (PMKDG)

Dance Performance Dedication

Journey Together by Joung Sook Park

Commemorative Speeches

Lucy Norment, District Director, on behalf of Congresswoman Barbara Comstock Sojung Lim, President

Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area

Closing Remard by Sami Lauri, Chair of the Board of Directors, WCCW