

Acknowledge the unseeded territories of the Coast Salish people and the waters of Burrard Inlet that witnessed the landing of the KANA AKA CURA MARU ^{Musqueam} ^{people} ¹ ^{ago} a century ago.

The legacy of the Komagata Maru

Is a story that is truly Canadian

It is not just a story of what happened in 1914

It is a story that is full of challenges and hopes

It is a story of a struggle to create a Canada

A Canada that is an open society in which

mutual respect and understanding, are honoured

differences are respected and traditions are cherished

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

From exclusion to inclusion

From discrimination to determination

From tragedy to triumph

From rejection to acceptance

From inequality to equality

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

It is a story that is shared

Aboriginals, Chinese, Japanese, and others

Have also faced discrimination

Acknowledgement, Apology, and Appeasement

Are steps in the right direction

But these are mere words if the actions are not

Authentic, Accurate and Actual

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

Memorials, Murals and Museums, along with

Plaques, Posters, and Pictures

Are reminders of our past that should not be forgotten

Through discovery, dialogue, and diversity

We hope to inform, instruct, and inspire

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

It is a story of the integration of cultures

From Hockey to Kabadee

From Parades to Nagar Kirtans

From Churches to Gurudwaras

From Square Dancing to Bhangra Dancing

From Bread and Butter to Dal and Roti

From Food Banks to Guru Nanak's Free kitchen

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

Voting Rights

Human Rights

Charter of Rights

Is what we have gained

Let us be

Reflective of the past

Responsible in the present

Reactive in the future

That we always have a united and free Canada. *as*

The legacy of the Komagata Maru continues...

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