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Dear Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada,

I recently watched a report on CBC News in early December 2011, and felt compelled to write this letter to express my supreme thanks to the Canadian Veterans of the Battle of Hong Kong.

I am a first generation Canadian born Hong Kong Chinese, and have been told many times about the experiences of my young father in Hong Kong while the attacks on Hong Kong during the Battle. He was born in 1938, so very young at the outbreak of war.

He was lucky to leave Hong Kong just before the invasion to the Mainland, and in the journey his mother lost her life. His father remained in Hong Kong throughout the Battle, and through the occupation.

I have heard many stories about the Battle and the invasion, however I did not know of the sacrifice that the Canadians made there, to mount a defence from the invasion. My father told me these stories recently, as we discussed his experience after I explained to him what I had just seen on CBC.

Least to say, the discussion was extremely emotional for the both of us.

I have always wondered why, after journeys to England, Europe and USA, why my father chose Canada as a place to establish his life and begin a family in the 1970's.

I would like to say that without the sacrifices of the Canadian Army at the Battle of Hong Kong, I would not exist to write this letter to you today. I also have no doubt in my mind the reason that my father silently chose to make his life and family in Canada was because not of any other reason than the decency and freedom that this country offered, and how the people of this country selflessly helps those that cannot defend themselves.

I would like to say also that the values of this Country must have impacted him so much that our family was established here.

As a personal value, I have and always will honour what the Veterans of the Canadian Forces have done for this country and others, and I also will, without hesitation, help those in need and defend this Country in whatever way that may possible, not counting the cost.

The very fact that my Father, Sister, Brother in Canada itself and our extended family remaining in Hong Kong are alive today are because of the sacrifices made by the then "foreigner" Canadians in The Battle of Hong Kong, from the Country that we now call Home years and years later.

And to this I say the most sincere Thanks from myself and on behalf of my family for this sacrifice, as this sacrifice from you and what your families have endured will never be forgotten,

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