

# Komagata Maru Monument Vancouver



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98 years later the city has finally erected a monument in remembrance of the Komagata Maru incident. The monument was unveiled this afternoon and is located near the steps of the seawall that lead up to the new Vancouver Convention Centre in Coal Harbour.

For those of you unfamiliar with the incident here is an excerpt from wikipedia:

The Komagata Maru incident involved a Japanese steamship, the Komagata Maru, that sailed from Hong Kong to Shanghai, China; Yokohama, Japan; and then to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in 1914, carrying 376 passengers from Punjab, India. The 356 of passengers were not allowed to land in Canada, and the ship was forced to return to India.[1] The passengers consisted of 340 Sikhs, 24 Muslims, and 12 Hindus, all British subjects. This was one of several incidents in the history of early 20th century involving exclusion laws in both Canada and the United States designed to keep out immigrants of only Asian origin.

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