

Why oppose "Sympathy Money"?

Taiwanese Comfort Women Want Justice

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We object to the plan of "private fund" and "sympathy money", because it is not a proper reparation for the Comfort Women. It also reveals that the Japanese government was not sincere and regretful at all, though it has expressed its "sorrow and sympathy" for the Comfort Women several times before.

We oppose this plan because the Japanese government attempts to avoid from taking responsibility and stigma as a "criminal nation." By using a "private fund", the Japanese government does not admit that Japan has ever involved or committed the crime, But the truth is that the Japanese government established, owned and managed a large-scale sex slave system over all Asian-Pacific areas during World War II. This guilty country does not want to give proper reparations and extend formal apology to the victims. Ironically, it offers a small amount of "sympathy money" to the surviving victims as mercy or welfare assistance. This plan is both an insult and a humiliation to the victims.

What the victims demand is returned justice and dignity from the Japanese government. They are not poor beggars demanding money from the Japanese government. The Taiwanese Comfort Women do not and will not accept the "sympathy money."

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The draft of the Comfort Women is a systematic crime committed by the Japanese government. The nature of the crime is forced sex slavery and systematic rape. It is a gross violation of human nature, violation of the War Law and the Law of trafficking of Children and Women. These women were physically and psychologically assaulted, or even dead in the War. Their lives have been totally changed since these assaults.

Therefore, the Japanese government should repair these women for the crime it had committed, according to the laws. The Japanese government should provide a proper reparation to these women according to the severeness and nature of the crime. Otherwise, there is injustice for this issue.

The proper reparation should be individually paid to these women and the resource of money should come from the government, instead of being provided by a private fund. The reparation is the responsibility of the Japanese Government, neither any

other people nor any organization. The proper reparations for these women should include both material and spiritual reparations. Therefore, the amount of the reparation money should be high enough to make equal to the nature and damages of the crime. Taiwanese Comfort Women have requested the amount of the reparation at least should be twenty million Japanese Yens.

The plan of "sympathy money" and "private fund" is not a proper reparation at all. These women, for all their lives, in their old age and in their death beds, are waiting for justice. Justice at least should include the return of their dignity, the formal apology from the Diet of the Japanese government, the fully investigation on the issue, and the proper reparations for these women. For a long time and many times, these women from different victimized countries have made their requests very clearly.

In the plan of "private fund," the Japanese government announced it individually repaired the former Taiwanese soldiers drafted by Japan in War World II. Though the paid amount still is regarded as improper. The Japanese government also passed a law to repair per person about two hundred thousand Japanese Yens for the former Taiwanese soldiers who were either dead or handicapped in the War. Then, where is the human right of the Comfort Women? The Japanese government should be shamed of its discrimination and injustice on the Comfort Women.

"We Want Justice," demanded by Taiwanese Comfort Women.