

**The 700<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Demonstration**  
Demanding the Former “Comfort Women’s” Rights to Japanese Government

*Stop Violence against Women!*  
*Justice to the Victims of “Comfort Women” system!*

Today is the 700th Wednesday Demonstration. Ever since we started it on January 8<sup>th</sup> 1992, we have demanded Japanese government to solve the problems related to the issue. For more than 14 years, we have not taken a break even for once, demanding justice to the “comfort women” system victims. We are strong allies of the victims along with the international effort from Japan, the U.S., the Great Britain, Germany and other countries, which are holding the demonstration today, too. Through the 700<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Demonstration, we would like to gather the international communities’ voices together again to recover the honor and dignity of the military sexual slavery victims. We will realize the legal reparation and formal apology of the Japanese government which, with its militarism, violated human rights and destroyed the lives of the victims. We will always ally with the victimized women until justice and peace finally come to the world.

**1. We demand the Japanese Government: Apologize formally and make legal reparation to the victims of the military sexual slavery as international organizations recommends!**

The Japanese government committed a heinous crime by kidnapping Asian women to make them military sexual slavery. The U.N. and other international organizations already have said that it was a crime against humanity and violation of human rights. They have urged the Japanese government to consider the victims’ ages and make an official apology and legal reparations. The international community has been part of the urging effort, too. Today, we demand the Japanese government again: Accommodate the demand of the victims! Solve the problem as soon as possible!

**2. We demand the U.N. and ILO: Intervene more actively for the recovery of the human rights and dignity of the victims!**

The U.N and ILO expert commissions have urged the Japanese government to make a formal apology and legal reparations since the issue was brought up at the U.N. Human Rights Commission on August 1992. However, they have not taken any action upon the Japanese government while it has ignored what it has been told. Rather, the international organizations are only watching the phenomenon since Japan contributes much financially to the international organizations. Therefore we demand to the U.N. and ILO: Take more active roles in pushing the Japanese government to act upon the advice of the U.N! Contribute to the protection of international order which would guarantee the human rights and justice to the human race!

**3. We demand the governments of the victims: Demand Japanese government more actively to bring a clear resolution for the problem!**

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, the surrounding countries’ governments of Germany have actively participated in solving the war crime problems that had been committed by the Nazi government. However, the victimized countries of the Japanese war crime have avoided to even mention about it. Especially, the crime against women (the military sexual slavery system) was absolutely ignored and hidden. The passive, constrained attitudes helped the Japanese government’s concealing of the war crime and avoiding of the legal responsibility. Pursuing to recover the rights of the military sexual slavery victims, we, the participants of the global 700<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Demonstration, urge the governments of the victims: Demand resolutions for the “Comfort Women” issue to the Japanese government and be active parts of the resolutions! There are still numerous wars in the world, and women are always victimized sexually in the war. The revival of militarism in Japan and the glorification of its past-war time through their wrongly written history textbooks are parts of the great threats along with the sexual violence.

Therefore we declare: Until the military sexual slavery issue gets solved completely, until wars and violence end, until violence against women is stopped completely, we all will walk the same path together.

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**The Conscious Organizations and Citizens**  
**Who Are Participating in the 700<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Demonstration**