

Survey on Former Japanese Soldiers regarding "Comfort Women"
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1. Describe yourself.

Date of birth :

Age :

Place of origin :

Marital status at the time of the war : Married / Single

2. Tell us about your former division under Japanese Military

How long did you work in the division?

What was your rank, responsibility, and salary at that time?

What kind of operations did the division take part in?

3. Have you ever been to "comfort stations"?

If Yes,

1) Was there any impetus for you to go there?

2) Why and for what purpose did you go there?

3) Where were the "comfort stations"? When did you see (visit?) them?

4) What did the "comfort station" look like?

A) Who owned it?

Privately owned / Owned by the division but run by a private operator /

Directly run by the division / Others

B) Who supervised and administered the "comfort stations"?

Civilians / Division heads / Regiment commanders / Others

C) Did you pay when you used the "comfort stations"?

a) How much did soldiers pay?

b) How much did a non-commissioned officer pay?

c) How much did a commissioned officer pay?

D) How many condoms (sanitary sacks) were you given?

From whom?

Did you use them?

E) Were there any rules in using the "comfort stations"?

If yes, what were the rules?

F) What kind of facilities or structures were used as "comfort stations"?

a) Confiscated private residence and hotels

b) Temporary buildings c) Part of the soldier's residence

d) Tents

e) Air-raid shelter

f) Tunnel

g) ヤオドン

h) Warehouse

i) Others

5) How often did you go to the "comfort stations"?

() times per month Total () times

6) What were the numbers of "comfort women", their nationalities, and ages?

7) Describe the conditions that you heard or saw about the "comfort women" there.

a) How many soldiers came to one "comfort woman" in a day?

b) Were they under detention or confinement?

c) Did they get any salaries or other forms of payment?

d) How were their health conditions?

e) Did they receive checkups for venereal diseases?

f) What kind of meal were they given?

g) How were they dressed?

h) Were they free to go outside the facility?

i) Could you talk with them freely?

8) Do you remember any stories about their pregnancies, abortion, childbirth, venereal diseases, suicide or double suicide, love affair, or being deserted by the lover? Do you remember if they were punished or abused if they attempted to escape?

9) Did you hear or see how the "comfort women" came to the "comfort station"?

4. Do you know about any other types of woman who worked as "comfort woman" under the Japanese Military during WWII?

5. Do you think the "comfort station" was necessary?

If so, for what?

a) to prevent rape b) to boost the morale of soldiers c) to satisfy sexual desires of the

soldiers d) to prevent the soldiers from contacting venereal diseases

e) others

If not, why?

6. Did you feel any hesitation to go the "comfort station"?

If yes, why?

If no, why?

7. Did you feel sorry for the death, disease or living conditions of the "comfort women"? If so, describe an example.

8. Have you ever talked about your experiences at the "comfort station" after the war?

"Yes"?

When?

In what occasion?

To whom?

How?

Did you talk to your wife or family?

"No"?

Why?

9. What do you think about the "comfort women"? Circle the comments you think applicable.

- a) I am grateful to them.
- b) I feel sorry for them.
- c) They did it because it was their business.(They were paid for it)
- d) Indifferent.
- e) I want to apologize to them sincerely.
- f) Japanese Government should compensate them.
- g) They are liars.
- h) Others.

10. What do you think when people describe "comfort women" as "sex slaves" ?.

- a) I think they were sexual slaves.
- b) I think they were professional prostitutes.
- c) "Comfort stations" were places for raping.
- d) "Comfort stations" were no different from commercial brothels.
- e) Others

11. Have you visited brothels recently?

"Yes"?

When? How old were you? Age :

Where? Name of place :

How many times?

What was the first reason?

12. Do you think public prostitution system is necessary? Why?

If so, why?

If not, why?

13. How can we solve the problems of "comfort women"? Circle the applicable comments.

- a) The Asian Women's Fund is enough.
- b) Japanese Government should officially apologize and compensate the women personally.
- c) Japanese Government should clarify the facts.
- d) Identify the persons responsible for what happened.
- e) It is necessary to punish them.
- f) Others.

14. Do you think we should include description on the "comfort women" in school textbooks?

- a) It is too early for junior high school students to take up this subject.
- b) There is no need for including this subject in the textbooks for junior or senior high school students.
- c) It is unfair that Japan alone has to take up this subject in school textbooks. Other

countries also have done this sort of things.

d) Honestly we should let generations to come after us know about this issue.

e) This is a human rights issue and must be taught at school.

f) We must teach our children to know the truth about what Japan has done against Asia.

g) Others

Explain why you feel that way.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you don't mind, please write down your name and address

Name :

Address :

Phone Number :