

On Japan's War Compensation to Chinese Victims

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On Japan's war compensation to Chinese victims, 3 points are clarified as follows, in terms of Chinese victims:

1. The rights of Chinese victims belong to the victims as individuals;
2. Chinese victims have not at any time or in any form given up their rights for war compensation from Japan, a way for Japan to take its responsibility for their victimization. Chinese victims have been making tenacious efforts to claim for their rights for war compensation from Japan ever since conditions were possible;
3. Chinese victims strongly demand that Japan compensate them in their lifetime. They want their rights and dignity back when they are still alive.

Discussions to seek solutions to Japan's problem of its war compensation to Chinese victims should be based upon the above.

Japan's 15 years of war of aggression against China caused sufferings and disasters to almost every Chinese family. This is a reality lying between the 2 nations. No normal, peaceful and friendly Sino-Japanese relationship will be possibly achieved with the reality being avoided and Japan's war responsibility for Chinese victims and war compensation to them being evaded. To compensate Chinese victims is an opportunity for Japan to seek reconciliation with the vast majority of Chinese people. (On Sino-Japanese War Compensation, Yin Yanjun, Ochanomizu Publishers, 1996)

Japan should take a positive stance, actively seeking dialogues with the Chinese government, victims, institutions and organizations concerned, to approach a timely and comprehensive solution to the war compensation problem. Such a solution, which should also cover compensations to victims in other countries and parts of Asia, and in the world, will free Japan from the shadow of the war benefiting the nation spiritually and will liberate Japan from the "burden of history", benefiting Japan's status in the international society.

Japan's war compensation to Chinese victims is social work of massive-scale, which requires macro strategic projecting and micro technical operating. So far, in Chinese society, from top to grassroots, efforts and attention paid to the issue is far behind demand and incompatible with a country like China. The issue is of Chinese people's own concern, and counted on our own efforts. One rears what he farms.

In concluding, I, on behalf of 180 Chinese plaintiffs of Japanese biological warfare lawsuit at Tokyo Local Court and investigation and victims groups in China, would like to extend our high respect to Japanese civilians and lawyers for their support to our lawsuit and our cause. We always have that in our hearts. Our lawsuit is a voice for silent victims, and a cause for human peace.