

CHRONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN WOMEN'S FUND (AWF)

Dec. 1991 The Government of Japan started the fact-finding study on the issue known as "wartime comfort women."

July 1992 Announcement of the first results of the study.

Aug. 1993 Announcement of the second results of the study.

The Government recognized the involvement of the then Japanese military and expressed apologies and remorse to the former "wartime comfort women."

Aug. 1994 The Prime Minister stated that the Government would seek ways to facilitate broad participation of the Japanese people.

Dec. 1994 The Government appropriated 480 million yen (approximately US\$4.8 million) to the FY 1996 budget as a subsidy for administrative and other expenses of the AWF.

June 1995 The Government announced the projects to be undertaken by the AWF.

July 1995 Establishment of the AWF; Prime Minister delivered his address.

Aug. 1995 The Government reaffirmed its policy to provide the necessary cooperation with the AWF's activities.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary called on Cabinet members to make contributions to the AWF.

- Dec. 1995 The Government authorized the AWF as a non-profit foundation.
- The total amount of donations reached 100 million yen (approximately US\$1 million).
- Jan. 1996 The AWF dispatched dialogue teams to the Philippines, Taiwan and the Republic of Korea.
- April 1996 The total amount of donations reached 300 million yen.
- The Government appropriated 480 million yen as a subsidy for AWF and US\$1.5 million to support mainly medical and welfare projects, to the FY 1996 budget.
- June 1996 The total amount of donations reached 400 million yen.
- July 1996 It was officially decided that the Fund will disburse 2 million yen (approximately US\$20,000) per capita, from the donations, to the former "wartime comfort women" in the Philippines, Taiwan and the Republic of Korea; that the letter from Prime Minister will be delivered to them with the disbursement; and that the Government will contribute about 700 million yen to medical and welfare projects for the former "wartime comfort women."
- Aug. 1996 The AWF commenced activities in the Philippines. The atonement money and the letter from the Prime Minister of Japan were delivered to 4 former "wartime comfort women."
- Jan. 1997 The AWF commenced activities in the Republic of Korea. The atonement money and the letter from the Prime Minister of Japan were delivered to 7 former "wartime comfort women." The medical and welfare projects were begun in the Republic of Korea.

The AWF officially decided to support the "Promotion of Social Welfare Services for Elderly People in Indonesia" proposed by the Government of Indonesia.

The Government of the Philippines and the AWF signed the Memorandum of Understanding to start the medical and welfare support projects in the Philippines.

Mar. 1997 The AWF signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Indonesia to support the social welfare services project for elderly people, which is being implemented by the Government.

May 1997 The AWF announced the commencement of its activities in Taiwan.

Jan. 1998 The AWF announced the informations on its activities in newspapers in the Republic of Korea.

In Indonesia, the opening ceremony of the first five facilities was held.

July 1998 The AWF signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Project Implementation Committee in the Netherlands (PICN) on the project to enhance the living conditions of beneficiaries, concerning the issue known as "wartime comfort women."

Aug. 1998 In Indonesia, the construction of the second six facilities was completed.