

＝アジア・太平洋地域の戦争犠牲者に思いを馳せ心に刻む第5回三重集会＝

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To whom it may concern,

We have prepared the enclosed report in the hope that it will arouse widespread public interest.

The report consists of a "vow for the renunciation of war" and "impressions" of a Japanese audience at "The 5th Mie Meeting, Forum to Ponder on the War Victims in the Asian-Pacific Region and Engrave It in Our Mind" held on August 22nd and 23rd 1992.

At the meeting we specially welcomed two Koreans, former "forced army comfort women" who testified to their painful experiences. They testified because they are frustrated at the Japanese government's indifference to this problem. We Japanese should be ashamed to have asked those victimized women to tell their unbearable memories. The other guest was former Japanese soldier who is concerned with the army comfort women during the war, he gave the testimony as their act of atonement.

The report contains the opinions and comments of the ordinary Japanese people who heard their testimonies. We compiled these records in the hope that this problem maybe better understood, and that what the ordinary citizen feels about it will be heard by as many people as possible.

We would like to ask the all who read this report to take whatever action they can on this serious problem.

Sincerely,

Mie Executive Committee