



Stichting Japanese Ereschulden

Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts

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His Excellency Yoshihiko Noda
Prime Minister of Japan

The Hague, 10 January 2012.
Petition: 206
Subject: resolve the long overdue redress.

Excellency,

The Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts on behalf of all the Dutch members and the board, wish the people of Japan, your cabinet and you personally a Happy New Year. Last year brought Japan disasters caused by nature and technology in addition to the global financial and economic perils. For 2012 the opportunities are there to demonstrate that Japan can and will overcome the unfortunate combined effects of last year and start as you so elegantly stated a Rebirth of Japan.

As to our dialogue we will continue to press for acknowledgement and respect for what the Dutch had to endure during the Japanese occupation of Dutch East Indies during World War Two and seek with you a resolve for the long overdue redress.

Prime Minister,

The physical and psychological damage to the individual victims of the Japanese occupation was considerable and still continues after 67 years, to haunt the surviving victims. During the negotiations of the 1951 San Francisco Peace Treaty a side agreement for a compensation of the individual Dutch victims was concluded in principle. The nature of the damages was known - undue hardship - and the material consequences were agreed after strenuous and long negotiations through the exchange of letters between the then Prime Minister of Japan, Shigeru Yoshida, and the then Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Dirk U. Stikker. The protocol for a solatium of U.S. \$ 10.000.000 (less then U.S. \$ 100 per victim) was signed 13 May 1956. At the time of the negotiations insufficient consideration was taken of the lasting psychological effects of the damage during the Japanese occupation and in particular the role of the Japanese Military both in and outside the concentrations camps. Both parties to the protocol must acknowledge this and come forward with suggestions to repair these terrible oversights.

The Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts as a Non-Governmental organization recognized by the United Nations could establish an Honorary Fund which incorporates both the acknowledgement and reparations of these oversights, dealing directly with the Dutch victims.

We hope that we can jointly achieve this in 2012 and can look forward to true cooperation and respect in settling this long overdue redress.

On behalf of the Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts,

J.F. van Wagtendonk
President.