



世界抗日戰爭史實維護聯合會

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Dear Sir,

The **GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II IN ASIA**, a Northern California-based non-governmental organization, and several U.S. and Korean human rights activist groups started a petition drive on Internet on February 28, 2005. Our collective grassroots effort aims to raise the objection against Japan's bid for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) if the re-organization of the United Nations and the expansion of the UNSC are to be approved by the U.N. General Assembly in the coming session and later.

While all of us fully support the U.N. reforms and the restructure of the UNSC, we would support granting Japan a permanent seat in the UNSC only if Japan could meet certain conditions as follows:

“The Japanese government must explicitly affirm its contrition to its past misdeeds, its determination to right historical wrongs and bring all pending issues to a final closure, once and for all:

1. The apology must be based on a law duly enacted by the Japanese Diet, authorizing its Prime Minister and Emperor to make a public apology to all the aggrieved nations;
2. The same law must include an authorization for the government to compensate the victims of Japanese aggression and atrocities and a mechanism for determining the just compensation for the victims;
3. The law must also mandate a faithful collection, documentation, preservation, and distribution of the truths about Japanese aggression in the Pacific War, 1931-1945 (such as Nanjing Massacre, Comfort Women, Chemical Warfare and Biological Warfare);
4. The legislation must mandate the textbooks in Japan to reflect this history in perpetuity without distortion, omission, or deceptive manipulations;
5. The law must prohibit and punish any individual who denies these crimes; and those who are in public services or hold elected offices (including the Diet) shall be prohibited to worship war criminals, assist or finance the construction and building of facilities that glorify and commemorate militarism.
6. The law must stipulate that violation of any of the provisions above shall be prosecuted and punished by jail terms and fines. Those who work for the government or hold political offices or parliamentary position shall be expelled from public services or elected offices and barred from returning for life.”

42 million people have responded to our call for signatures. In less than two weeks from the start, we saw nearly ten million Internet users signing the petition and the campaign went into high gear in the third week and onward when the incoming number of signatures on the Internet exceeded one million daily. It would have been more signatures and faster growth of the database collection if we could have upgraded our web servers at more than 360 sites any faster than we did. The three largest commercial portals in China were forced to increase their bandwidth by eight folds in the first week after they joined the operation to collect signatures. Most of the smaller database servers were overwhelmed, literally crippled and driven out of business by the incredibly huge volume of incoming traffic. The voice of the public was loud and clear in support our position as stated above. They demand an unambiguous answer from Japan.

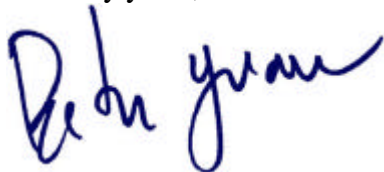
Please note that the grassroots support of this online petition drive came mainly from as many as 41 countries on all five continents while the bulk of them were from China, which suffered the loss of 35 million innocent lives and over \$200 billion dollars (estimated in 1945 U.S. dollars) during the brutal invasion and occupation by the Japanese Imperial Army from 1931 to 1945, hundreds of thousands of signatures were from South Korea, the United States, Canada and other nations. They also came from every province and every large and small city and township in China.

Attached please find charts that illustrate the demographic distribution of widespread support of this unprecedented international online campaign. Please also note that many of cities in China and Korea also did their own signature campaign in the traditional fashion by collecting them on paper forms. Their numbers are in the hundreds of thousands as well, but not included in our collection. Due to some technical difficulties and unexpected large volume of input, we have only rounded up the counts of signatures from the multi-national databases that have conformed with our standard format as pre-defined at the beginning of our campaign. The numbers in the attached charts reflect the refined results of our collection after we have made the best attempt to eliminate duplicates and invalidate some of the incomplete or frivolous entries. (Note: the collected data can be verified online at <http://www.china918.net/qm/fenzhan.htm>, and a list of campaign support websites can be found at <http://www.global-alliance.net/Documents/918-Fenzhan.pdf>).

The public has clearly spoken out on the unresolved issues of World War II, which ended sixty years ago. The aging survivors of Japanese wartime atrocities and the families of the victims viciously butchered by the militarists deserve an answer. The darkest pages in the 20th Century history must have a closure. And, the denial and distortion in Japan must stop before the nation could truly resurrect itself from shame and guilt once and for all. We all wish Japan to enjoy the national honor that its people cherish dearly. We want Japan, as a proud nation, to gain its rightful place on the world stage and in history. It could be accomplished only if Japan would heed the call for true contrition from the international community. We wish Japan the best of luck and its day of redemption will come soon.

Please kindly direct your questions or comments regarding our signature campaign to us at the mailing address above or you could reach us by e-mail at gainfo@global-alliance.net. Additional information about our organization, the online petition drive and our past and current activities can be found at our website at <http://www.global-alliance.net>. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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