

Circumstances at the Time of the Opening of the Consulate

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This document describes circumstances around the region when the consulate office opened in Jiujiang, Jianxi Province, China. The following is the translation of the original text pertinent to the "comfort women":

"With respect to the circumstances of Japanese residents at the time of the opening of the consulate, there are 557 Japanese living in Jiujiang as of December 1, 1938. Most of them are engaged in the services for the military, such as restaurants, commissaries, photography business, and "comfort stations" exclusively for the military. All of them are temporary residents, and the "exclusive women" who take up 40% of the Japanese residents continues to move at the military's behest, which makes them difficult to contribute to Jiujiang's revival or prosperity for the time being."

It is assumed that the "exclusive women (*tokushu fujyo*) continue to move at the military's behest" refers to the "comfort women."

Sources:

WAM Collection (Foreign Affairs_108)

Collection of the Asian Women's Fund, Vol. 1, pp. 477-478.

Sourcebook by Suzuki, Yamashita, and Tonomura, Vol. 1, p. 120.

Notes:

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