

The Korean Council for Justice and Remembrance for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (Formerly known as The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan)

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Slavery by Japan Established: 1990 Location: Korea

The Korean Council for Justice and Remembrance for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (hereinafter the Korean Council) is a non-governmental organization based in Seoul, South Korea working towards just resolution of the Japanese military sexual slavery issue and prevention of wartime sexual violence.

In 2018, the Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, established on November 16th, 1990 with 37 women's human rights organizations, and the Foundation for Justice and Remembrance for the Issue of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, established in 2016 to call for annulment of the 2015 Korea-Japan "comfort women" agreement, merged to form the Korean Council.

The Korean Council carries out various domestic and international campaigns for resolution of the Japanese military sexual slavery issue, including victim support, research and education, scholarship programs, commemoration programs, international solidarity campaigns at the United Nations and International Labour Organization, and support for survivors of sexual violence in armed conflict around the world.

The Korean Council has organized the Wednesday Demonstration for Resolution of the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery Issue, Asian Solidarity Conference for Resolution of the Issue of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, and various testimonial campaigns, international symposiums, film screenings, lectures around the world with victims. It also co-organized the 2000 Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery with NGOs in Japan and Asia-Pacific regions, which clarified the legal responsibilities of the Japanese Government and founded Emperor Hirohito guilty.

Alongside the victim support programs including human rights camps, regular visits, and management of shelter Peaceful Our Home from 2003 to 2020, the Korean Council played a key role in enactment of the Act on Livelihood Stability and Commemorative Projects, Etc., for Sexual Slavery Victims Drafted for the Japanese Imperial Army under the Japanese Colonial Rule in 1993 to provide government subsidy to support survivors' livings and to commemorate the survivors in Korea and the Constitutional Court of Korea ruling that the Korean Government's failure to resolve the issue constitutes unconstitutional negligence and urged government action in 2011.

In addition to closely working with victims and activists of Asia-Pacific region and conducting various activities to resolve the issue of Japanese military sexual slavery, the Korean Council also worked with wartime sexual violence victims to eliminate sexual violence in conflict. The Butterfly Fund, founded in March 2012 supports survivors of sexual violence in conflict in DR Congo, Uganda, Vietnam, and more.





Signboard hanging ceremony of the office of The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan on November 16, 1992 © The Korean Council



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