

## The Asian Women's Fund

- ▶ All issues of reparations, properties and claims arising from the war have been legally settled.
- ▶ However, recognizing that the comfort women issue was a grave affront to the honor and dignity of a large number of women, the Government of Japan, together with the people of Japan, discussed what could be done to express their sincere apologies and remorse.
- ▶ As a result, the Asian Women's Fund (AWF) was established in 1995, and the Government of Japan provided all possible assistance for the AWF.
- ▶ The Government of Japan provided **approximately 4.8 billion yen** to support AWF's activities.
- ▶ A wide range of individuals, companies, labor unions, political parties, Diet members and Cabinet Ministers demonstrated their support for the cause of the AWF. The total amount of donations to the AWF was approximately 600 million yen.
- ▶ Successive Prime Minister of Japan sent a **personally signed letter expressing apologies and remorse directly to each former "comfort woman"** who took part in the AWF project.
- ▶ The AWF was disbanded in March 2007 following the completion of its project in Indonesia.

# Details of the AWF Projects

## People of Japan

Donations from the people of Japan (¥600 million)

### Philippines, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan

(\*where former comfort women were identified by their governments and other bodies)

- Payments of "atonement money" amounting to **2 million yen per person** to each of the **285 former comfort women (The Philippines: 211, ROK: 61, Taiwan: 13)**.
- Implemented medical and welfare support projects for these **comfort women (3 million yen per person in the ROK and Taiwan, and 1.2 million yen in the Philippines)**.

## Government of Japan

Japanese Government Budget (¥4.8 billion)

### Netherlands

(\*where former comfort women were not identified)

- Project to improve the living conditions of former comfort women through the "Project Implementation Committee in the Netherlands" (PICN). (Approximate total of **245 million yen** over 3 years, thus providing assistance to **79 recipients**)

### Indonesia

(\*where there were difficulties to identify former comfort women)

- Provision of financial support project to promote social welfare services for elderly people implemented by the Government of Indonesia amounting to **380 million yen** over ten years. In total, 69 social welfare facilities for elderly people were established.