



HERSTORY

WAM is a place where women can work together for a peaceful world. WAM collects and records women's stories of suffering under military aggression in times of war, and of struggles to seek dignity and justice.

In the summer marking the 60th anniversary of Japan's defeat in WW2, Women's Active Museum of War and Peace opened.

After the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery was held in 2000, we began dreaming of a museum that keeps and transmits for future generations all the records of the Tribunal and the related materials to the so-called "comfort women" issue. The passion of the late Yayori Matsui pushed us towards the realization of this dream.

WAM will keep the spirit of the tribunal alive, making efforts to bring justice to survivors, and to end the cycle of impunity for wartime sexual violence.

The global community as well as local community in Japan are now increasingly calling on the Government of Japan to take measures to give redress to the survivors of the "comfort women" system.

In 2007, WAM received the Pax Christi International Peace Award. Together, let's make the journey to end injustice and create a world without violence or discrimination.

Women's Active Museum on War and Peace

Museum Hours

Wednesday-Sunday 13:00-18:00

Closed on Monday, Tuesday, Public holidays and New Year holidays

Admission

over 18 yrs JPY 500

13-17 yrs JPY 300

under 12 yrs Free

Access

JR / Seibu Line

Takadanobaba station

• 5 mins by taxi (about US\$ 8.00)

• 12 mins by bus

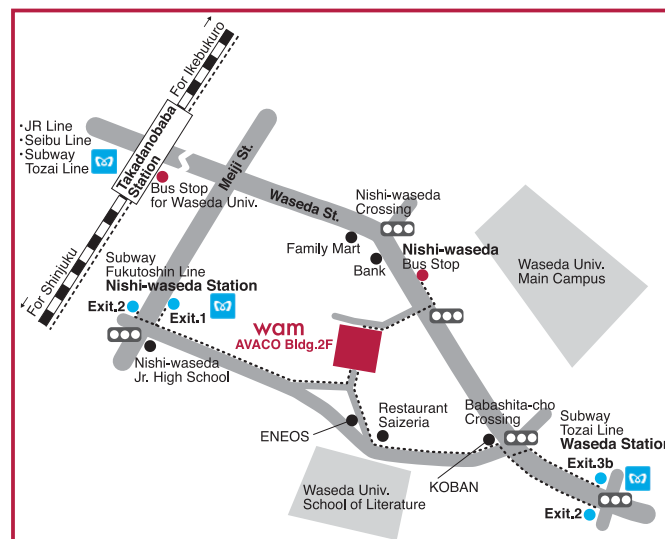
(Take a bus #[学02] bound for Waseda Univ., get off at Nishi-Waseda stop)

• 20 mins walk

Subway

Waseda Station (Tozai Line) 5 mins walk

Nishi-Waseda Station (Fukutoshin Line) 10 mins walk



Women's Active Museum on War and Peace

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**Toward a future of
peace and non-violence**

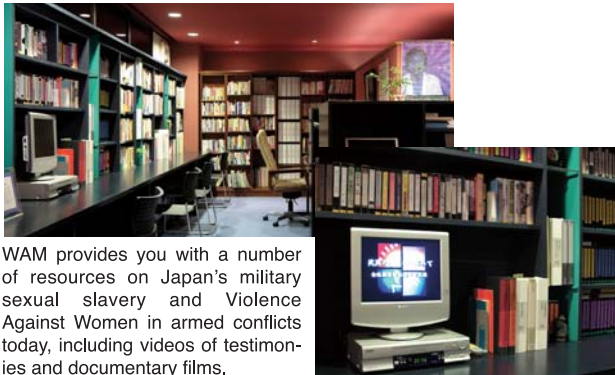


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Welcome to the Women's Active Museum on War and Peace



As you enter WAM, you will be welcomed by a series of portraits of the women victims of the Japan's Military Sexual Violence. There are over 150 women who gave us their permission to share their pictures, names and experiences with WAM visitor.



WAM provides you with a number of resources on Japan's military sexual slavery and Violence Against Women in armed conflicts today, including videos of testimonies and documentary films.



"The only way to fight against globalization is by globalizing our solidarity."



Yayori MATSUI (1934-2002) was a prominent journalist and feminist activist. She proposed the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal and envisioned WAM. You can find all of her books and articles here. Her desk and chair are also on display.

Our Goals:

- 1) To apply gender justice to all issues of wartime sexual violence, starting with the "comfort women"
- 2) To document experiences of sexual violence, to probe its causes, to bring its perpetrators to justice
- 3) To act with the People, not the State
- 4) To be a place for women working together for a peaceful world
- 5) To promote solidarity throughout global civil society

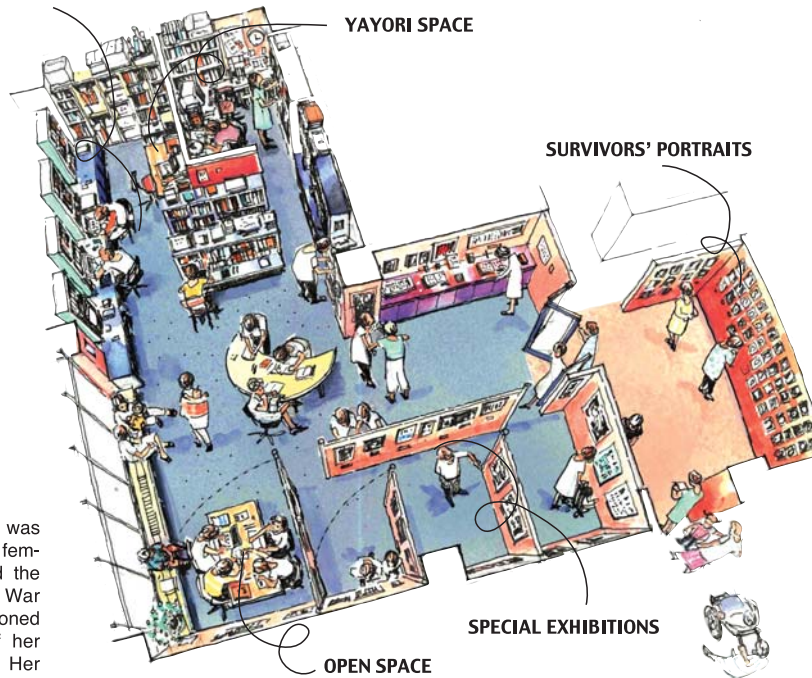
LIBRARY and VIDEO BOOTH

YAYORI SPACE

SURVIVORS' PORTRAITS

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

OPEN SPACE



WAM never stands still. We are an ACTIVE museum:

Education

We hold seminars inviting survivors, former soldiers, and experts in order to give deeper understanding of our exhibition. "wam de video" is a special event to show documentary video with director's talk session.

Research

We record the oral history of survivors of the "comfort women" system and former soldiers; conduct research on Japan's aggression; and continue researching the locations of "comfort stations"

Action

We take action to bring justice to "comfort women" and survivors of military sexual violence throughout the world. We work together with NGOs in victimized countries, and regional and international women's networks. We are committed to action that eliminates all forms of discrimination against women.



Join and Support WAM!

Friends of WAM JPY3000 (US\$30)

You will receive: newsletters; information on events and exhibitions; and exclusive access to the members-only mailing-list (in Japanese).

Supporters of WAM JPY10000 (US\$100)

You will receive all of the benefits above, plus: free admission to WAM; and discounts on seminars and publications.

Donation

WAM is managed by your membership fee and donations. To maintain our independence, we do not seek the government funding. Your donation will be highly appreciated to maintain our activities.

Bank Account

The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (SWIFT Code: BOTKJPJT)
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Women's Fund for Peace and Human Rights

We cannot accept personal cheques due to the high cost of commission. If you prefer to use PayPal, please visit our website to find the link. Thank you very much for your support!

EXHIBITIONS: We hold special exhibition once or twice a year

1. All About the Women's Tribunal 2000 (Aug.-Nov. 2005)
2. Works and Life of Yayori MATSUI (Dec. 2005-Apr. 2006)
3. Korean "Comfort Women" Abandoned (Apr.-Nov. 2006)
4. East Timorese Women Speak Out
: Sexual Violence under Japanese and Indonesian Occupation (Dec. 2006- May 2007)
5. The "Comfort Women" Issue A to Z (Jun. 2007-May 2008)
6. One day, Japanese troops came, and...
: Wartime Rape and 'Comfort stations' in China (Jun. 2008-Jun. 2009)
7. Testimony and Silence : Former soldiers facing up to their crimes (Jul. 2009-Jun. 2010)

The regular exhibition includes a map of the "Comfort Stations" all over Asia.

