



As you enter WAM, you will be welcomed by the 179 survivors of Japan's military sexual slavery system from 10 countries who gave us their permission to show their portraits.

HERSTORY

The Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (WAM) was established in August 2005 with donations from people in Japan and abroad. WAM is Japan's only museum focusing on violence against women in war and conflict situations, particularly Japan's military sexual slavery, euphemistically called the "comfort women" issue.

In December 2000, the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan's Military Sexual Slavery was held in Tokyo by the global civil society to end the cycle of impunity of wartime sexual violence. Yayori MATSUI, who proposed the tribunal, envisioned a museum that preserved the tribunal documents and the testimonies of victims/survivors to pass onto the next generation.

WAM is a space to remember the lives of women who survived war and violence, as well as their struggle to restore dignity and justice. We will continue our actions to make Japan, the perpetrator nation, come to terms with the sexual violence committed by its own military.



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 in our museum.

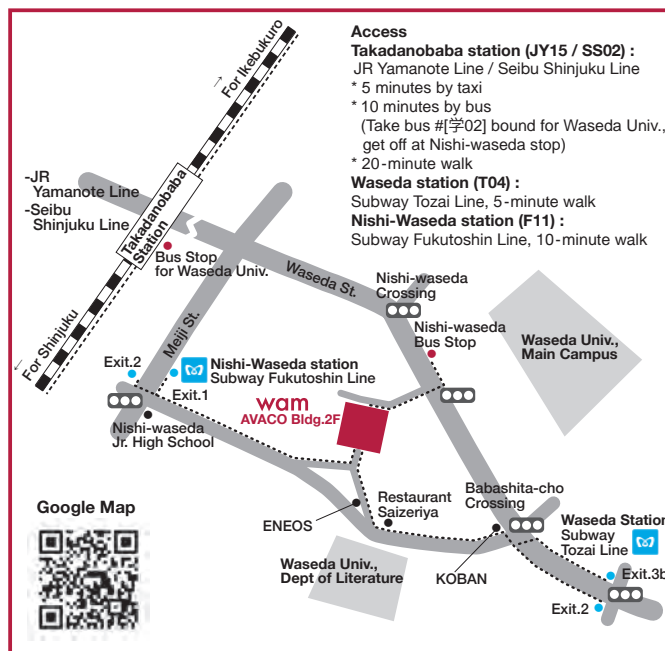
Women's Active Museum on War and Peace

Opening hours

1pm-6pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
*Please note that we are open on February 11, February 23, April 29, and November 3 in order not to celebrate the dates designated such as the Emperor's birthdays.

Admission

JPY 500 Adult (ages 18+)
JPY 300 Youth (ages 13-17)
FREE Children 12 and under



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わたしの戦争と平和資料館

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For a World of
Peace and Non-violence



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Welcome to the Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (WAM)!

Our Principles

- Focusing on wartime sexual violence from the perspective of gender justice
- Listening to the survivors/victims as well as looking at state/individual responsibility for the crimes
- Preserving past documents while creating a space for future actions
- Operating the museum solely as a people's movement, independent from state power
- Making actions and sharing information in solidarity with the global civil society

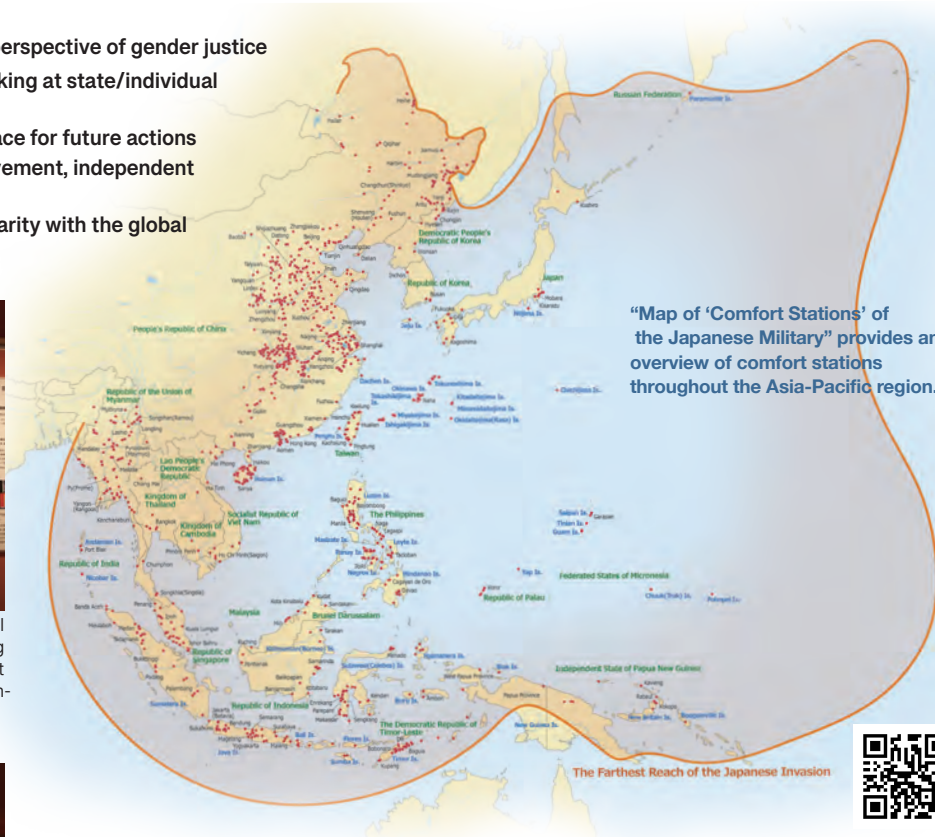


EXHIBITIONS: The permanent exhibition conveys the full scope of the Japan's military sexual slavery system, including the mechanisms for establishing and operating comfort stations, alongside testimonies of survivors from ten victimized countries and former Japanese soldiers.



LIBRARY: Here you can find books, newsletters by supporting groups and videos related to Japan's military sexual slavery system, Japan's wartime and colonial responsibilities, and women's peace movements.

WAM received the 2007 Pax Christy International Peace Award and the 2013 Peace Award of the Peace Studies Association of Japan.



"Map of 'Comfort Stations' of the Japanese Military" provides an overview of comfort stations throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Special Exhibitions:

1. All About the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal Aug.-Nov. 2005
2. Yayori Matsui: Her Life and Work Dec. 2005 - Apr. 2006
3. Abandoned Far from Home: Korean 'Comfort Women' Apr.-Nov. 2006
4. East Timorese Women Living Through Wars Dec. 2006 - May 2007
5. The 'Comfort Women' Basics for Middle School Students Jun. 2007 - May 2008
6. When Japanese Soldiers Came: Wartime Rape and 'Comfort Stations' in China Jun. 2008 - Jun. 2009
7. Testimony and Silence: The Japanese Soldiers Who Face up to Their Crimes Jul. 2009 - Jun. 2010
8. Women's Voices Change the World: 10 Years from the Women's Tribunal 2000 Jul. 2010 - Jun. 2011
9. Lolas Standing up: From the Ravaged Islands of the Philippines Jul. 2011 - Jun. 2012
10. Okinawa: The Military Does Not Protect Women Jun. 2012 - Jun. 2013
11. Made into Japanese: Testimonies of Taiwanese 'Comfort Women' Jul. 2013 - Jun. 2014
12. The 'Comfort Women' Basics for Middle School Students Plus Jul. 2014 - Jun. 2015
13. Sexual Violence in Indonesia: Under the Glorious Guise of "Asian Liberation" Jul. 2015 - Jun. 2016
14. Battlefield from Hell: Experience of Moon Ok-ju and 'Comfort Stations' in Burma Jul. 2016 - Jul. 2017
15. The Silence of Japanese 'Comfort Women': State-Controlled Sexuality Aug. 2017 - Feb. 2019
16. Listening to Korean 'Comfort Women': Effort to Take Responsibility for Japan's Colonialism Mar. 2019 - Nov. 2020
17. The Emperor's War Responsibility and the Voices against Oblivion: 20 Years since the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal Dec. 2020 - Dec. 2021
18. The Comfort Women Basics for Middle School Students + Textbooks Jan. 2022 - Nov. 2022

**WAM never stands still.
We are an ACTIVE museum:**

Education: We hold symposiums, seminars and film screenings inviting experts and supporters in order to help deeper understanding of our exhibitions. We also hold "wam de cafe," casual seminars on a variety of issues.

Research/Archiving: We conduct research on Japan's military sexual slavery system, including collecting testimonies and documents to establish the "comfort women" archives for future generations. The "map of comfort stations" is also our major project.

Action: We take action towards restoring justice for "comfort women" survivors and to make Japanese society face up to their wrongdoings in the past. Together with the global civil society, we will make every effort to end military sexual violence.



Join and Support WAM!

WAM is managed by the membership fee and donations.
We do not seek government funding to maintain our independence.

Friends of WAM JPY3000 / year

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

Supporters of WAM JPY10000 / year

You will receive all of the benefits above, plus: free admission to WAM.

Donation

Your donation will be highly appreciated to maintain our activities.

We accept credit card payments

For remittances from overseas, we only accept credit card payments due to high bank fees.
Please visit our website for more details.

Thank you very much for your support!