



GOING DEEPER INTO THE MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY SYSTEM



HIGHLIGHTS

WHO WERE THE "COMFORT WOMEN" ?

PRIMARY SOURCES (ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS, FILM), SELECTED LIST



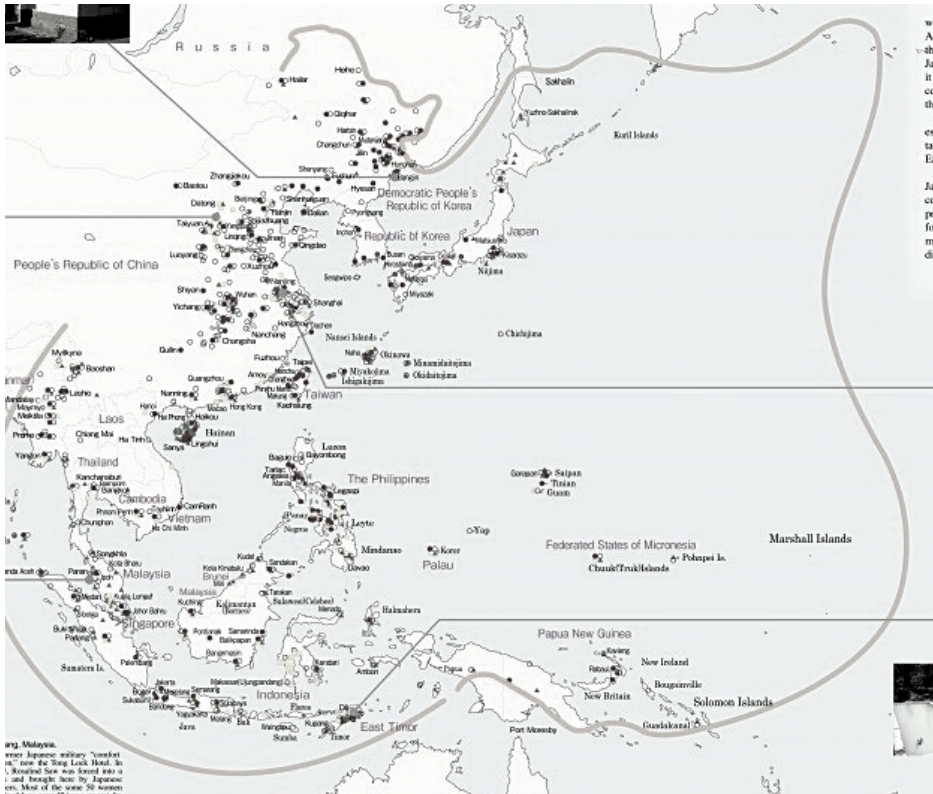
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OVERVIEW

- Women forced into sexual slavery to "serve" Japanese soldiers in the front lines. (Bonnie B.C. Oh) 2000
- Estimated nos. range from 50-200,000. Over 80 per cent of the women were Korean. The rest came from the rest of Asia.
- Representations of the "Comfort Women" - "Imperial Gifts," "Ordinary Prostitutes," Victims of Sexual Slavery," "Survivors" (Sara So), 2000.
- First "Comfort Stations" established in 1932 in Shanghai
- Institutionalised after 1937 and existed until 1945.
- Known locations: China, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Burma and various Pacific Islands.

"Comfort Stations"

Map detail - from Women's Active Museum on War and Peace (WAM)-Japan



Primary Sources

Archival Documents, Photos and Artefacts

From top right: Tan Yuhua, Rosa Maria Henson, Lee Yong-soo, Kim Hak Sun

Japan Collection of Materials Relating to the Wartime Comfort Women Issue: Government of Japan Survey (5 volumes, published by Ryukei-Shosha).

See: <http://www.awf.or.jp/e6/document.html>

China Jilin Provincial Archives 100,000 volumes and files (90% of the files are written in Japanese) Changchun, which was then called Hsinking, was the so-called "Capital City" of the Puppet Manchurian Regime during the period of Japanese Occupation.

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