Respectfully yours,

Finally, I pray from the bottom of my heart that each of you will find peace for the rest of your lives.

active part in dealing with violence and other forms of injustice to the honour and dignity of women.

Furthermore, Japan also should take an squarely to its past history and accurately convey it to future generations. Furthermore, Japan also should take an

our country painfully aware of its moral responsibilities, with feelings of apology and remorse, should face up

We must not evade the weight of the past, nor should we evade our responsibilities for the future. I believe that

suffered incurable physical and psychological wounds as comfort women.

most sincere apologies and remorse to all the women who underwent unbearable and painful experiences and

affront to the honour and dignity of large numbers of women. As Prime Minister of Japan, I thus extend anew my

The issue of comfort women, with an involvement of the Japanese military authorities at that time, was a grave

as well.

offers atonement from the Japanese people to the former wartime comfort women, I wish to express my feelings.

On the occasion that the Asian Women's Fund, in cooperation with the government and the people of Japan,