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The Honourable Mr. Ian Burney

Canadian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan

Honourable Members of the Parliament of Canada

We respectfully make a request that the Government of Canada make a fair and unbiased decision on the proposed designation of the “Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day”

In April of this year, Ms. Jenny Kwan, a Member of the Parliament of Canada, brought a motion to make December 13th of each year Canada’s national day to commemorate the so-called “Nanjing Massacre.”

According to reports, MP Kwan made the following proposal and comment: That the Government of Canada acknowledge the historical event of the Nanjing Massacre; that eighty years ago, the Imperial Army of Japan raped 20,000 to 80,000 Chinese girls and women while killing approximately 300,000 Chinese people. The “document of the Nanjing Massacre” has been included in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.

MP Kwan seems to base her proposal on the 2014 inclusion of the “Nanjing Massacre” into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. However, evidentiary materials for the “Nanjing Massacre” have not been made available to the public at all. All one can see is a list of materials, and no substance has been made available on the UNESCO webpage to date.

The Government of Japan has found the UNESCO issue “extremely regrettable.” Its Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made the following official comment: “the submitted documents were based on the People’s Republic of China’s unilateral assertions, and the Government of Japan believes that there are obvious problems with the documents’ integrity and authenticity. It is extremely regrettable that documents such as these have been inscribed on the Memory of the World Register despite continuous protests that were progressively lodged by the Government of Japan regarding its fundamental position, and such decisions pose a problem for UNESCO, as an international organization, which should be neutral and impartial.”

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_000887.html

You may remember the book entitled *The Rape of Nanking* authored by Iris Chang. Many academics and historians from Japan have examined the materials she based her claims on, and decisively pointed out mistaken attributions and interpretations.



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If the “Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day” is established in Canada without thorough examination of the conflicting claims, we fear that Japan would suffer unfair consequences, including being viewed as a “bad” nation for many years to come. Generations of Japanese and Japanese-Canadian people may also suffer from unfair discrimination or prejudice.

Based on the grounds outlined above, we respectfully make the following request to the Embassy of Canada to Japan and the Parliament of Canada:

We request that the nation of Canada take the lead in the international community, examine the historical materials related to the “Nanjing Massacre,” and come to a fair and unbiased conclusion as to whether Canada’s designation of the “Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day” is warranted.

We trust that the Government of Canada, which advocates the cause of democracy, is committed to collecting information from a variety of sources, examining the information in a fair and unbiased manner, and helping reinforce historical facts. Led by such a government, we trust that we can count on the nation of Canada as one of the most reliable and respectable countries in the international community.

* To aid you in examining history, we respectfully submit the following documents and video footage as attachments.

A rebuttal to China’s nomination of the “Nanjing Massacre” to the UNESCO Memory of the World Program, prepared by Japan’s Happiness Realization Party

Sincevely Yours

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