

Opinions regarding the material pertaining to forced recruitment and labor for the Hiraoka Dam and power plant construction

Regarding line 8 through 27 from the top of P12

- It is believed that it is better to maintain public order of the defeated nation after WW2 by having its citizens follow the intention of the victorious nation.

- There is a traditional bond between the citizens and the Emperor who is a descendant of "Amaterasu Omikami," the deity of the Imperial ancestors. Amaterasu Omikami is the central figure in Shintoism. Accordingly, convicting the Emperor of any kind would offend the majority of the citizens, which could hinder efforts to maintain public order.

- Even today, many Japanese hold sincere respect and affection for the Emperor. Although there are those who do not have such feelings, descriptions concerning insults towards the Emperor are considered extremely sensitive. The feelings regarding the Emperor should be considered when attempting to convey the main portion of our content to the readers.

Regarding the 15 lines from the section "The Emperor state proceeded with a war of aggression," a little below the middle of P15

- War should be discussed broadly without being bound to the idea "the Emperor state proceeded with a war of aggression." All forms of war under any system or ideology are wrong. Whatever the reason that leads to war is, wars create an inhuman system, under which numerous tragedies occur in the name of war. Forced recruitment and labor (which are featured in this booklet), Siberian internment, atomic bombing, Tokyo air raid, Beijing massacre, attack on Pearl Harbor, Ivanovka incident, as well as Nikolayevsk incident are among many other tragic events (see appendix).

While it is important that people are held responsible for war crimes, I wonder if those who suffered due to the tragedies of war would have their resentment assuaged if those that are held responsible are punished.

However, those victims of war might think" I can't take this pain and cruelty any longer, I want peace to come quickly, I want to live in a safe world".Should we not respect those wishes? To fulfill that desire I want everyone to know about the reality and the true extent that war has wrought.

When learning about the tragedies of war, one may be shocked by wretchedness, cruelty, and miserableness of the details. When faced with the knowledge of cruel acts one might feel bad. One might even think that "I don't want to know anymore"but we only have to look at the documents and read them. Those people actually had to experience cruelty, tragedy, and miserableness themselves. Burned in intense flames, one leg being ripped off, starving for several days, living in the intense cold, etc... please feel their experiences.

To all the youth, while the realities might be too much to bear, I implore you to engrave it within your heart.

\*Before pinning the blame on someone,I want you to create a world without war. I believe that is the wish of those who have suffered from the tragedies of war throughout the world.