

# Let Us Raise Voice to Save the War displaced Filipino Japanese people



30,000 in the highest stage of development.

As the Philippines became the center of the battlefield, they were forced to be separated from Japanese fathers or family due to the turmoil of the war. Even if they survived, male Japanese immigrants were repatriated while their Filipina wife and kids were left behind in the Philippines.



After the war, most of them were continuously persecuted by the Philippines community as children of hostile national. They hid Japanese identity to survive. Applicable laws in Philippines and Japan state that those, whose father is a citizen of Japanese, is Japanese national. Thus, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation should be recognized as Japanese by rights. However, many of them still don't have been registered in Japanese Family Register, Koseki. Practically, they are stateless persons. Now, these war-displaced people are seeking to recover their identities as Japanese nationals.

Total number of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation who have not recovered Japanese identity

1,177

(2,625 including those who have already passed away)

**The Article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to a nationality.** As the government of Philippines ratified the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless persons, it is dedicated to support stateless people including the Japanese descendant.

**It is Japanese government's time to take an action**

There is little time left, but it is not too late to save the displaced Japanese. Japanese and Chinese government have been supporting Japanese orphan left in China. Thus, we hereby request urgent actions of Japanese government to recover the identities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generations.

**Petition taking urgent actions of Japanese government to recover the identities of the War displaced Filipino Japanese people**

To: The Honorable Prime Minister of Japan, the Honorable President of the House Councilors, and the Honorable President of the House Representatives

The Undersigned petitioners hereby respectfully request that:

1. The Japanese government, especially Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare, should make an overall survey of war-displaced Japanese in Philippines based on the act for Establishment of the ministry, the order for Organization of the ministry, and the ministerial ordinance. Moreover, the government should make a master list of them.
2. To revise notices and announcements related to the Support Law for War-displaced Japanese Left Behind in China to include war-displaced Japanese left behind in the Philippines as eligible subject of this law.
3. To revise the Article 12 of the above-mentioned the Support law as those who did not return home permanently are covered under this law.

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