

Government Position Statement on Forced Labor Court Decision

□ The government respects the judiciary's ruling regarding victims of forced labor during the Japanese occupation of Korea, and will carefully review matters related to today's ruling.

□ Together with the relevant government ministries and civilian experts, the Prime Minister will consider all aspects of the matter and decide how the government will address this issue.

□ The government sadly empathizes with the pain endured by victims of forced labor and will do its utmost to heal their sufferings.

□ The government hopes to move forward bilateral relations with Japan in a future-oriented way.

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