



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
OTTAWA
THE AMBASSADOR

November 29, 2011

Mr. Philip Doddridge
President
Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada
75 Priam Way
Nepean, ON K2H 8S7

Dear Mr. Doddridge,

After the Second World War, our two countries, as friendly nations sharing the common values, have cooperated in diverse ways for peace in the whole world. As Prime Ministers of Japan have repeatedly stated, the Japanese people should bear in mind that we must learn from the lessons of history, regard the facts of history as they are, and continue to contribute to the world's peace and prosperity in the future.

As Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary representing Japan, I would like to state a heartfelt apology for our country having caused tremendous damage and pain to Canadian former POWs including you, who have undergone tragic experiences in the camps both in Japan and Hong Kong.

I sincerely hope that the visit of Canadian former POWs to Japan will be a fruitful opportunity for each one of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kaoru Ishikawa", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kaoru ISHIKAWA
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of Japan to Canada