



American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society

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President Obama's speech was powerful in many ways and we are sure it was very meaningful for the citizens of Japan, especially when he reached out and hugged the Hibakusha.

The ADBC-MS wishes that there had been American POWs among the Hibakusha. Symbolically that would have been powerful and would keep the history of that war balanced: that there are 2 sides...two sides of suffering and misery.

Such a face-to-face meeting would have been a model for the world that there can be peace and reconciliation even after such a horrendous war.

Hiroshima will always be symbolic for the country of Japan and her victims and survivors. The ADBC-MS hopes that we can build our own Memorial in Japan to honor the American and Allied POWs to complete the cycle of the President's efforts on peace and reconciliation.