



Let's erect statues of Lieutenant General Kiichiro Higuchi!

HONORING GENERAL HIGUCHI ASSOCIATION invites you to join us.

One of General Higuchi's great achievements was rescuing a total of 20,000 Jewish refugees oppressed in Europe before WW2. The only way for these Jews to save themselves was their attempt to escape to Shanghai through Manchuria via the Siberian Railway, but they were stopped indefinitely at Soviet-Manchuria border at the station of Otpor. This was because of their non-visa status, and Manchuria government officials' assumptions of a strong alliance between Japan and Germany.

However, General Higuchi decided to rescue all of these refugees out of humanitarian consideration, and even risked his career as an officer of the Japanese Imperial Army. At a time, when many nations in the world suppressed Jewish people and closed their doors to Jewish refugees, his noble humanitarian deed was recognized by the Jewish people and in 1941 his name was inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem.

The other great achievement of General Higuchi, as the commander of Northern Army Division, was his successful defense of Hokkaido against the Soviet's unlawful aggression (even after the acceptance of Potsdam declaration), which saved Japan from becoming divided country like Germany or Korea.

We wish to praise General Higuchi's deeds by erecting bronze statues of him, the first in Awajishima (his birth place), and the second at the appropriate site of Hokkaido. For this purpose, we wish to raise funds. We established the HONORING GENERAL HIGUCHI ASSOCIATION (HGHA) and now begin fundraising activities. We wish for your kind cooperation.

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