

Request for Investigation of
Lost Articles

Our department is responsible for a survey of original owner of the things left behind by the former members of the armed forces. With respect to an article which carries a Japanese name presumably as its owner, if there has been a person identified as the original owner of the same by referring to the material held by this department, we shall check, via a prefecture, if the identified principal or a member of the bereaved family, as the case may be, remembers and would like to receive the article. Upon positive response, we convey the result of our survey to the present owner of the article.

We would like to add that our services are available only for the inquiries requested by third parties with good intentions, not involving any monetary or otherwise reward. In an event where an article has been sent to this office but no original owner shall have been identified, we shall be returning the same to the sender.

Accordingly, we would kindly request you to fill out and return the questionnaire attached herewith which we require for our survey, together with a copy of the article. In the meantime, we would like to have you kind understanding that it may often take some time before the result of our investigation turns out and we shall be able to write back to you.

And we inform you that you(the requester) may not return the article(s) direct to the relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased).

In case the original owner and the relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased) are found, please let us return the article(s) to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Office of Foreign Affairs

Planning Div. of War Victims' Relief
Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
1-2-2 KASUMIGASEKI TIYODA-KU
TOKYO 100-8916 JAPAN

1 Date of Request

Month Day Year

2 Name of person making request

Full Name (Relationship)

Current Address
(Zip-code)

Telephone
Number

E-mail

3 Lost Articles (Number of items)

Please note the Lost Article(s) below

4 The circumstances in which the article(s) was/were obtained

Person who obtained the article(s) ()
Relationship to yourself ()

Time it was obtained () • unknown

Place it was obtained () • unknown

Method it was obtained Received from survivor ▪ Obtained from person who died in war ▪

I just found it ▪ unknown

Other ()

Please provide any further information that might be helpful in this investigation.

5 In case the original owner is found, (please mark)

(1) Do you intend to return the article(s), without any payment for it/them, if and when the relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased) wish to receive it/them.

① Yes, I intend to do so.

② No, I do not intend to do so

(2) Do you intend to return the article(s) even if when relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased) do not wish to open his(her) personal/their address to the requester.

① Yes, it is acceptable.

② No, it is not acceptable.

* I And we inform you that you(the requester) may not return the article(s) direct to the relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased)..

In case the original owner and the relevant person/people (e.g. family of the deceased) are found, please let us return the article(s) to the Ministry of Health, Labour and

Welfare.

* II If you choose Q.5 (1)—②, (2)—②, it is not possible to investigate in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

6 Your address may be given to persons concerned for the purposes of the investigation. Do you agree to this?

(1) Notifying relevant prefectural governments.

① Yes.

② No.

(2) Notifying the family of the deceased.

① Yes.

② No.

7 The person who is now keeping the lost article(s) (Only note this when this person is different to the requester noted above).

(Furigana)

Full

Name

(Relationship)

Current Address (Zip-code)

Telephone

Number

E-mail

8 The person to whom the reply should be addressed to (Only note this when this person is different to the requester noted above).

(Furigana)

Full

Name

(Relationship)

Current Address
(Zip-code)

Telephone Number

E-mail