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MEDIA ALERT

Japanese Atrocities in the Asia-Pacific War: Why were they so brutal?

Professor Yuki Tanaka will deliver a talk on *Japanese Atrocities in the Asia-Pacific War: Why were they so brutal?* at the Australian War Memorial today.

The 2008 Sir Ninian Stephen Visiting Scholar at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law Professor of History, of the Hiroshima Peace Institute, Professor Tanaka will deliver an engaging talk.

This lecture first examines several major war crime cases that the Japanese forces committed against civilians of Japan's colonial states, i.e. Korea and Taiwan, "hostile" civilians in occupied nations, and Allied POWs. Through a study of these concrete, large-scale cases, the lecture then identifies some important factors as reasons for Japanese cruelty during the 15 years of war in the Asia-Pacific region.

Professor Yuki Tanaka is Research Professor of History at the Hiroshima Peace Institute, Hiroshima City University. In 2008 he has been Visiting Professor at Birkbeck College, University of London, and the Sir Ninian Stephen Visiting Scholar at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law.

Professor Tanaka is an acknowledged international expert on the history of Japanese war crimes during the Second World War.

What: Professor Yuki Tanaka
Japanese Atrocities in the Asia-Pacific War:
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Where: BAE Systems Theatre*
Australian War Memorial
Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

When: 12.30pm
Wednesday 19 November 2008

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