



Translation

May 24, 2011

His Excellency Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, DC  
The United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

Abolition of nuclear weapons and realization of eternal peace is the earnest wish of the people of Japan, the only nation in the world suffered from the atomic bombings. It is also a sincere wish of 9 million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

In April 2009, you delivered a speech in Prague and expressed your determination to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. And in February this year, new nuclear arms reduction treaty, which limits the number of deployed strategic nuclear warheads of the United States and the Russian Federation to 1,550, went into force. And thus there has been growing momentum in the world for advancing nuclear disarmament.

It is hardly understandable that, while setting a goal of realizing a world free of nuclear arms, your country carried out subcritical tests of new form twice in November last year and March this year. We can not but question your vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

In order to achieve nuclear disarmament and everlasting peace of the world, Kanagawa Prefectural Government and all the municipalities within the prefecture hereby express our opposition against all forms of nuclear tests by any country. We strongly request that your country, as a responsible nuclear state,



never conducts nuclear tests in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Yuji Kuroiwa  
Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture  
Japan

Nobuaki Hattori  
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Mayors' Association

Tsuneyuki Mamiya  
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Towns and Village Association