

Translation

August 20, 2013

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 are the earnest wish of the people of Japan, the only nation in the world which suffered from the atomic bombings. It is also a sincere wish of the nine million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

It was found that your country conducted the new type of subcritical nuclear test during the period between April and June this year.

It is hardly understandable that, while setting a goal of realizing a world free of nuclear arms, your country continues nuclear tests. With this background, we cannot but question your vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

The tests have been carried out and later revealed through the media. This has been repeated in spite of our protest, and we feel strong resentment against the fact.

In order to achieve nuclear disarmament and everlasting peace of the world, the 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 keenly realizes its responsibility

and never conducts nuclear tests in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Yuji Kuroiwa
Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture
Japan

Masaru Uchino
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Mayors' Association

Shinichi Onoue
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Towns and Village Association