

Translation

December 7, 2012

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 which suffered from the atomic bombings. It is also a sincere wish of the 9 million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

It was announced by your country that the new type of subcritical nuclear test had been conducted during the period between July and September this year. Your country also conducted the subcritical nuclear test on December 5.

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 can not but question your vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

The tests have 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, as a responsible nuclear state,

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

Nobuo Yamaguchi  
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Towns and Village Association