

Translation

February 12, 2013

His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong-un
First Chairman
National Defense Commission
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Dear Mr. First Chairman,

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

It is extremely regretful that your country carried out a nuclear test on February 12 following the missile launch conducted on December 12, 2012. These repeated acts of outrage constitute a grave threat to peace and stability of Japan, North East Asia and the international society. Your conducts also trample upon the international call for the world's peace and stability. Thus, we feel strong indignation, and make a serious protest.

Kanagawa Prefecture and all municipalities within the prefecture hereby strongly request that your country keenly realize the responsibility of its conduct, and never repeat the nuclear test in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

Masaru Uchino
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Association of City Mayors

Nobuo Yamaguchi
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Towns and Village Association