

Translation

May 20, 2024

His Excellency Mr. Joe Biden
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 9.2 million citizens of Kanagawa Prefecture.

The United States of America conducted a subcritical nuclear test in May 14, 2024.

Conducting the nuclear tests in your country betray the expectations of people of the world who desire abolition of nuclear weapons and reverse the efforts of international society for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

Although we have kept protesting for the conducting nuclear test, it has kept carried on repeatedly. We felt strong resentment for the fact.

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 keenly realizes the responsibility and never conducts nuclear tests in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Yuji Kuroiwa
Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

Takashi Matsuo
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Mayors' Association

Yuji Yukawa
Chairperson of the Kanagawa Prefecture Towns and Villages Association