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Japan

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His Excellency Mr. Rahm Emanuel  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Embassy of the United States of America in Japan

**Letter of Protest Against the Subcritical Nuclear Experiment by Your Country**

Sakura City in Chiba Prefecture has declared itself a city of peace by enacting "The City Ordinance on the Basics of Sakura City of Peace Administration", wishing for the abolition of all nuclear weapons and the realization of everlasting peace in the world.

It has been brought to our attention that your country conducted subcritical nuclear tests on May 14, 2024. We, the citizens of Sakura City, strictly protest these subcritical nuclear tests.

This is a dangerous course of action that could foment a nuclear arms race and is a flagrant disregard of the ardent wishes of the atomic bomb survivors and all the people around the world who strive for peace. This is utterly unacceptable.

We recall that your country reaffirmed in the outcome document of last year's G7 Hiroshima Summit the "G7 Leaders' Hiroshima Vision for Nuclear Disarmament" that "There are no winners in a nuclear war and it must never be fought".

Furthermore, we strongly urge your country to earnestly take the wishes of the atomic-bombed cities and of the international society into consideration, and to demonstrate leadership towards a world without nuclear weapons.

  
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