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Her Excellency Ms. Caroline Kennedy
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Embassy of the United States of America in Japan

Letter of Protest Against Your Nation's Nuclear Tests

The city of Sakura in Chiba Prefecture has declared itself to be a "city of peace" in the city ordinance in its citizens' desire toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of eternal world peace.

President Obama's Prague speech outlining his vision of "a world without nuclear weapons" aroused great expectations not only in our nation's atomic bomb survivors, but also among Sakura citizens and the great majority of the world citizens. In recent years, the momentum toward total abolition of nuclear weapons is even more increasing in United Nations and around the world.

Despite President Obama's vision and our sincere wish for peace, we learned that your country conducted two nuclear tests in September and October this year. This fact is utterly deplorable because such actions are betrayal of the expectations and hopes of many people around the world who seek a nuclear-weapon-free-world.

The two tests can be taken as evidence that the U.S. intends to maintain its nuclear stockpile indefinitely, and they may also contribute to new nuclear weapons development. Moreover, such tests run counter to the spirit of CTBT, which President Obama is reportedly working to ratify.

The tests are completely unacceptable, and I, as mayor of Sakura City, strongly protest against these tests conducted by the United States.

I hereby demand that the United States address nuclear disarmament in earnest and strive for the earliest possible realization of "a world without nuclear weapons."



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