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

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

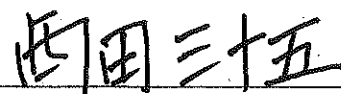
It has been brought to our attention that your country carried out a subcritical nuclear test on November 2020.

We, citizens of Sakura City strictly protest this subcritical nuclear test.

Doing such a nuclear test disappoints the international community that wishes that abolition of nuclear weapons and permanent peace in the world will be realized, and will greatly reduce trust in your country.

The United Nations adopts the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the number of states ratifying the pact has been reached 50, ensuring its entry into force. As the international community strives to realize "a world without nuclear weapons", it is against the efforts toward nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation in the global society.

I hereby strongly demand that the United States of America will not plan or implement any nuclear tests in the future to realize "the world without nuclear weapons."



NISHITA Sango  
Mayor of Sakura City