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His Excellency Mr. John V. Roos  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America  
Embassy of the United States of America in Japan

**Letter of Protest Against Your Nation's New Type of Nuclear Tests**

The city of Sakura in Chiba Prefecture, eagerly desiring the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of eternal world peace, declared our city to be a "city of peace" in the city ordinance.

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's citizens and the great majority of the world's citizens. We strongly desire that nuclear weapons be totally abolished.

Despite President Obama's vision and our sincere wish for peace, we learned today that your country conducted new type of nuclear tests last summer and again last November. In addition to the subcritical nuclear test conducted last February, these new tests betrayed the expectations and hopes of people around the world who seek a nuclear-weapon-free-world. Such actions are utterly deplorable.

These tests can be taken as evidence that the U.S. intends to maintain its nuclear stockpile indefinitely. The tests 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.

These tests are completely unacceptable, and I strongly protest against the actions of the United States.

I hereby demand that the United States addresses nuclear disarmament in earnest and begins negotiating now for the earliest possible realization of "a world without nuclear weapons".



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Mayor of Sakura City