

Letter of Protest

September 4, 2017

Mr. Kim Jong-un First Chairman of National Defense Committee Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Dear Mr. Kim Jong-un,

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We ask for your country to respect the will of the world, abolish nuclear weapons immediately, abandon the nuclear plans entirely and behave as a responsible member of the international society. We strongly demand the termination of your nuclear plans in good faith, based on the spirit and basic principles stated in the Japan-DPRK Pyongyang Declaration in 2002.

Sincerely,

Masato Shinagawa Mayor of Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan

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We are sending a letter of protest expressing our gravest concern to Mr. Kim Jong-un, First Chairman of National Defense Committee, as well, but we call on you to deliver our concern to your country immediately.

Sincerely,

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