



Koriyama City, JAPAN

Letter of Protest

September 20, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Kim Jong-un,

Your country conducted its 4th nuclear test in January 2016 despite of the international community's demand to comply with resolutions adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations. In a loud barrage of accusations, your country has repeatedly carried out ballistic missile tests which could be the means of delivery of weapons of mass destruction. Furthermore, your country forcibly carried out its 5th nuclear test on September 9th of 2016, in clear contradiction with Resolution 2270 adopted on March 2nd of 2016 by the Security Council of the United Nations and the Joint Statement of the Six-Party Talks. This outrageous act not only violates the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons ("the NPT") and international efforts aimed at strengthening the global regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, but also opposes the voice of the people in the world who ask for the abolition of nuclear weapons and long for eternal world peace.

Koriyama City in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan declared itself a "City for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons" in 1984. The city has appealed to the world for disarmament and the total elimination of nuclear weapons with an earnest desire for world peace together with our citizens, as we recover from the catastrophic disaster caused by the nuclear accident of the nuclear power plant in 2011. Under these circumstances, we cannot but protest against your country's nuclear test with extreme resentment.

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,

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Fukushima Prefecture, Japan

Takeshi Imamura
Chairman of Koriyama City Assembly