

Letter of Request

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Prime Minister Mr Noda Yoshihiko
Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, Mr Edano Yukio
Minister for the Restoration from and Prevention of Nuclear Accident, Mr Hosono Goshi

In regards to the restart of the Ohi Nuclear Power Plant, we request that full emphasis is placed on procedures to gain the consensus of the local municipalities and residents, and not to force through a hastened decision in this process.

Members of Mayors for a Nuclear Power Free Japan strongly oppose the impending decision by the Prime Minister and 4 related Cabinet Ministers to restart the 3rd and 4th reactors at the Ohi Nuclear Power Plant.

The reasons are as follows:

1. While the Union of Kansai Governments has provisionally agreed to the the terms, there has been no explanation provided for the local municipalities.
2. The public is losing confidence in the government regarding nuclear policies. Investigation into the causes of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster and the responsibility of concerned parties remains unresolved.
3. While the conditions of those Fukushima Prefecture residents affected by the disaster is worsening, policy regarding aid remains unclear.
4. The organisational and legal systems for measures to do with the nuclear accident and disaster are incomplete. Agreement with residents within a 100 kilometer radius of nuclear power plants should be obtained, and a safety agreement with the local municipal government should be concluded.
5. Sufficient logical explanation for the necessity of the nuclear restart has not been demonstrated.