

Mayors for a Nuclear Power Free Japan

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Letter of Request
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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

In response to a policy speech given by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, we demand in this letter of request the following eight items, including support of the disaster victims and policies on nuclear power plants and energy.

Pursuing our responsibilities, as mayors, to protect the lives and property of our people, with the intent to stop all nuclear power plants as fast as possible to ensure the safety of our society, we have made various proposals and demands to the government.

Prime Minister Abe stated in his policy speech on this February 28th that:

- “Reflecting on TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident, a new culture of safety will be created under the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, enhancing safety and making no compromises”,
- “Energy efficiency measure and renewable energies will be introduced to a full extent, and our reliance on nuclear energy will be reduced as much as possible”,
- “At the same time, a fundamental reform of our electrical power system is also to take place.”

Given these policies stated by the prime minister, we urge the government to implement the following eight items.

1. On rebuilding lives of the nuclear accident victims

We demand the government to assume sufficient responsibility in rebuilding the lives of the residents in the areas affected by TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident.

2. Make swift decisions regarding eligibility for the Children and Nuclear Disaster Victims Law!

Last June, the Diet passed the Children and Nuclear Disaster Victims Law with a unanimous decision. We demand that the government decides quickly on to whom the law is applicable. Given that the original maximum acceptable dose was 1 msv/year, we believe that people who evacuated according to the original limit should naturally be included. We demand an early decision.

3. Establish a new strict regulatory standard with no compromises!

In accordance with the prime minister’s words, we demand that the conditions of operation be determined without making any compromises, and that no nuclear power plants will be carelessly restarted. In regards to the new regulatory standard, we also demand the following.

- ① Priority to be given to containment and identification of the causes of the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident,
- ② Withdrawal of the five-year moratorium policy on constructing special security facilities as a condition for the restarting of a nuclear power plant,
- ③ A review of the personnel selection for the examination team,

- ④ Widely held public hearings on the new regulatory standard,
4. Explicitly state that no nuclear power plant will be newly built!
The prime minister stated that, “our reliance on nuclear energy will be reduced as much as possible.” Thus, we demand the government to explicitly state that no construction of a new power plant is going to be allowed.
 5. Quickly implement a bill to separate power generation and distribution!
The prime minister stated that a “fundamental reform of the power system is to take place.” We understand that this statement refers to the separation of power generation and distribution. We demand the government to swiftly put this into effect.
 6. Oblige companies to take out insurance for nuclear power plants!
It has become clear that the cost of damages from the Fukushima nuclear accident exceeds well over 10 trillion yen. We demand that the government oblige companies to take out insurance for nuclear power plants as part of their responsibility.
 7. Strict and transparent management of the workers at the power plant!
We demand strict rules for electrical power companies to know “who is working at the power plant” and “how much radiation they are exposed to” and to report this monthly.
 8. Nuclear Energy Exit Bills to be enacted quickly!
We demand that the Nuclear Energy Exit Bills, proposed to the Diet this March 11th, be enacted quickly.

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