

An Urgent Request Concerning the Set Up of the Planned Evacuation Zones
for Iitate Village and Related Areas.

To: Prime Minister Naoto Kan

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Dear Sir

We are deeply concerned about the radioactivity damage in Iitate Village which were brought forth by high level radioactive contamination emitted by the recent accident of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant (Tokyo Electric Power Corporation) and have been giving support to those who have been deeply affected. Even after the government designated these areas the Planned Evacuation Zones, the residents are still confused with no reliable information or directions coming from the government. As a matter of fact, some of the areas have been facing a serious level of radioactivity now that radioactive materials have accumulated for more than a month since March 15. There are pregnant women, infants and small children who are to be given priority in radioactivity protection in the appointed zones. There they live with anxiety over their health in the future. Other residents, farmers, commercial and industrial workers as well are in great fear, for they find no future prospect for their lives once they are evacuated, nothing for employment and for reconstruction of the Evacuation Zones. Nonetheless, since the government direction was issued, the government and the village have not yet reached an agreement on the Planned Evacuation.

Out of concern over circumstances above, we strongly urge the government of Japan to:

1. Proceed with evacuation to prevent further radiation exposure by swiftly coming to an agreement with the village and the related areas on details of the evacuation plan including compensation.
2. Proceed with evacuation of the residents, pregnant women, infants and young children, in high level radioactivity regardless of one month preparatory term and to issue Sufferer's Certificate for those who evacuated voluntarily before the Planned Evacuation was directed.
3. Support and compensate for the living needs and to support employment in the

evacuation site.

4. Make inquiries about health conditions of the residents, to manage health conditions including mental health, to issue "Health Handbook"(provisional naming) and to continue health management and medical compensation for the residents.
5. Compensate agricultural workers for the losses from impracticable plantings.
6. Secure the place of refuge and transfer of livestock respecting dairy farmers' and breeders' intention or compensate for the losses by way of bulk-purchase.
7. Compensate commercial and industrial managers and workers for leaves from or closing of businesses and to compensate for the spending as well as to loan quick funding when they relocate the business buildings and stores.
8. Undertake detailed monitoring of radiation level in the areas of the Evacuation Zone such as residential areas, farming areas (rice fields, vegetable fields, pastures), SATOYAMA (Japanese traditional village forest) and rivers and to officially disclose, as soon as possible, the enforcement of measures of the decontamination of radioactivity for the pollution degree by the land use distinction and regions in the village, and to officially disclose the prospect of returning time.
9. Maintain continuously the livelihood and life of the villagers and the community function, when the refuge of the villagers is a considerable degree of period. General support including the finance for the security of the place and the construction, based on the medium-and-long term vision, should be provided so that the above is realized.
10. Establish a fund financed by the government, Tokyo Electric Power Corporation, private firms and others to cover reconstruction spending of the area hit by radioactive contamination.

In addition to the request above, we call widely for the establishment of a private institution in Fukushima prefecture for researches on influence on human health and environment of the radioactivity and methods to remove a radioactivity material.