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Mr. Yoshihiko Noda,
Prime Minister of Japan
Through the Embassy of Japan,
11, Persiaran Stonor, Off Jalan Tun Razak,
50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Dear Prime Minister,

Please Keep Japan Free of Nuclear Power

Greetings from the Friends of the Earth, Malaysia and Consumers Association of Penang. We are grassroots, community-focused non-governmental organisations championing environment and development issues at national and international levels.

We were informed by a number of non-governmental organisations in Japan that your Government will be restarting two nuclear power reactors in the town of Ohi in Fukui Prefecture. We are alarmed at this decision and would like to record our protest against this, especially in light of the terrible tragedy that took place in Fukushima recently.

We humbly request that your government reconsiders this decision and instead impose a moratorium on nuclear power in Japan. We urge the Japanese government to come up with a responsible energy policy for a Japan without nuclear power and based on energy conservation and renewable energies.

Following are our reasons:

- We were informed that the decision taken by your government is undemocratic as there seems to be no support from the Japanese public and many members and parliamentarians of your own party do not support the same.
- The full truth about the meltdown of the three reactors in Fukushima has not been established, yet.
- The prevailing, temporary safety standards that have been applied by the stress tests and that you referred to when you declared the Ohi reactors to be safe, are insufficient. We understand that at present, essential safety measures that are required by the stress tests have not yet been implemented in Ohi. It is not verified whether the reactors can be shut down safely if a serious earthquake were to occur.
- Any new regime of safety standards must be formulated and overseen by a truly independent Nuclear Safety Agency. This agency has not yet been established, and parliamentary procedures have just been started.
- The sharp increase in seismic activities in Japan since the earthquake and tsunami catastrophe of March 11, 2011 is alarming. The fact that there are active fault lines in the vicinity of the Ohi reactors, and perhaps even under the site is a major reason of concern.

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Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) – Friends of the Earth Malaysia, is an independent national environmental organisation campaigning against the deterioration of the Malaysian environment and the destruction of our invaluable resources.

Mr Prime Minister, you may reject this letter as an outside interference into the internal affairs of Japan. However, we know since Chernobyl and Fukushima that the fallout of nuclear accidents does not know national borders, but severely impacts the global environment and bears unknown risks to the health of all mankind. We believe it is our moral obligations to voice our concerns to you.

We also know that our concerns are shared by many people in your country. We have high respect for the people of Japan, for their sense of community and service in times of great harm. We believe in their creativity and strong will to overcome these difficult times, and to rebuild a Japan without nuclear power.

We, therefore, request that you kindly reconsider the restart of the Ohi reactors and to declare a moratorium on nuclear power. The Government must come up with a responsible energy policy for a Japan without nuclear power based on energy conservation and renewable energies.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.M. Idris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

S.M. MOHAMED IDRIS
President