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Fukushima Prefecture Board of Education

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Report on the radiation “Ground Level Sampling Study” in
Fukushima Prefecture elementary school yards

You have been working night and day to address the disaster following the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake as well as the nuclear-earthquake disaster accompanying the Tokyo Electric Power Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant accidents. We citizens of the prefecture would also like to work with the prefecture with the belief in our ability to recover and with hope in our hearts as we encourage each other in our communities and workplaces.

For the benefit of the children, who are the future of Fukushima, we have urgently conducted the referenced study.

The conclusion is that we now know that, in order to secure the safety and peace of mind of the children, investigation is urgently needed on the degree of radioactive contamination of schools -- particularly of schoolyards -- as well as of movement of radiation within the communities and districts. Immediate measures must also be taken.

It is believed that a radiation-contaminated danger zone is developing in the children’s environment much faster than we are anticipating. For the municipalities to rush into conducting their school entrance ceremonies without being able to consider the impact of this contamination could lead to a regrettable error. We ask you to take immediate note of the report and direct the municipalities accordingly.

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