

*Mister Prime Minister,*

*We protest your decision to restart two nuclear power reactors in the town of Ooi in Fukui Prefecture.*

*Our reasons are:*

- 1. Your decision is undemocratic. The Japanese public and many parliamentarians, even in your own party, are not supporting you.*
- 2. The full truth about the meltdown of the three reactors in Fukushima has not been established, yet.*
- 3. The temporary safety standards applied by the stress tests, which you referred to when you declared the Ooi reactors safe, are insufficient. At present, essential safety measures required by the stress tests have not yet been implemented in Ooi. It is not verified whether the reactors can be shut down safely if a serious earthquake were to occur.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. The sharp increase in seismic activities in Japan since the earthquake and tsunami catastrophe of March 11 is alarming. That there are active fault lines in the vicinity of the Ooi reactors, and perhaps even under the site is a major source of concern. You may reject this letter as outside interference into Japan's internal affairs. However, we all know the fallout of nuclear accidents knows no national borders, and has severe implications globally. We also know that our concerns are shared by many people in your country and that a majority of your people do not agree with you. We, therefore, ask you to kindly reconsider the restart of the Ooi reactors, declare a moratorium on nuclear power and come up with a responsible energy policy for a Japan without nuclear power based on energy conservation and renewable energies.*