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To,
The Prime Minister
The Minister for Foreign Affairs
The Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
The Minister of Reconstruction
The Minister Responsible for the
Tokyo Olympic Games & Tokyo Paralympic Games

Fukushima City Assembly President Masanori Hanzawa

The following is a written opinion requesting the transformation of excitement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games, into the power to accelerate the steps towards reconstruction.

A variety of initiatives are being carried out in this city, that take full advantage of the declaration by the nation of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympics as the 'Reconstruction Olympics', and that seek to advance initiatives in coordination with affected areas to boost reconstruction from the East Japan Great Earthquake.

Furthermore, since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tokyo Denryoku Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Accident those areas affected that, including this city, received support and encouragement for their steps towards reconstruction from across the globe, have, in order to respond to the support and encouragement received thus far, shared the feelings of gratitude and the image of a thriving city advancing towards reconstruction.

As the placement by some countries of restrictions on the import of food and food products grown in Fukushima Prefecture indicates, however, the current reality is that the global image of Fukushima remains strongly connected to the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tokyo Denryoku Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant Accident, and accurate comprehension of the issue is lacking, which in turn casts a large shadow over ongoing steps towards reconstruction. In order to

overcome this reality and accelerate the as yet only part-way complete reconstruction, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games represent an opportunity for accurate comprehension of the current situation in Fukushima, through direct dispersal by governmental diplomatic agencies of information regarding affected areas and the accumulation of responses from each country, and it is each citizen experiencing this sympathy for themselves that will become a significant boost to further steps towards reconstruction.

Consequently, in order for the government to transform excitement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games into the power to accelerate steps towards reconstruction, we strongly request the following matters:

1. The taking up of every opportunity related to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Games to convey to the world initiatives that express the gratitude felt by those areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, and their current, thriving image.
2. The adoption of policies to share with citizens the international reception of the initiatives and feelings of gratitude of those areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the response to those from countries all over the world.

The above represents a written opinion based on the stipulations of the 99th Article of the Regional Municipality Law.

(Reason for Proposal)

We are submitting this written opinion to the government in order to request measures to implementation policy for information dispersion and that allow citizens to recognize that their own gratitude and the thriving image of Fukushima as it takes steps towards reconstruction, is being broadcast to the world.