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 TO: Chairman of Suginami-ku Assembly

## Petition to Protect The Children in Suginami-ku, Tokyo from Radiation

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### Protect The Children in Suginami-ku, Tokyo from Radiation!

Although it has been months since Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster caused by East Japan Earthquake on March 11 began, The Japanese government and TEPCO still has not found the solution to stop the discharge of radioactive materials into the environment.

Suginami-ku in Tokyo is approximately 230 km (143 miles) from Fukushima Dai Ichi Power Plant. However, 210Bq/L of radioactive I-131 was detected in our tap water on March 23rd, which is 21 times higher than the Japanese reference level before the industrial disaster began (10Bq/l). In Katsushika-ku, Tokyo airborne radioisotopes were measured at 5 times (0.359 $\mu$ Sv/h) the governmental data provided by the MEXT monitoring unit in Shinjuku (0.0662 $\mu$ Sv/h) on May 10th. In a playground in Koto-ku, Tokyo 2850Bq/kg Cs-134 and 3050Bq/kg of Cs-137 was measured on May 25th. Also in Setagaya-ku and Mitaka-shi, Tokyo Cs-137 was detected in breast milk of some mothers on June 2nd. We, the Suginami-ku residents are concerned for our health and the health of our children.

While this invisible contamination keeps going, the children keep breathing in toxic dust and ionizing radiation in the air or on the street on the way to schools, and they keep eating school food that has not been measured officially. Without any attempt to measure and allow for consent, slowly, it is destroying their bodies.

Infants and young children are affected by radiation four to 10 times more heavily than adults. Especially internal exposure has been deemed "high risk" from ionizing radiation. According to the study material that National Institute of Radiological Sciences published on March 25<sup>th</sup>, if children aged 1-3 get internally exposed to 0.2 $\mu$ Sv/h on their thyroid for 12 days, it means 108 mSv of radiation exposure in total. Children aged 3-8 it means 64mSv of radiation exposure .

To protect Suginami children's health in the future, the ward-office must set the goal of zero exposure to children and begin work on following matters as soon as possible.

### No Radiation Exposure to Children Project:

#### 1. Measurement of Food for Schools and Full , Immediate Disclosure of Data:

We demand that the city measure radiation levels( $\alpha,\beta,\gamma$ ) and identify and quantify specific radionuclides in lunch provided by the schools within the city to prevent internal exposure and publish the data to Suginami residents.

Even in the event foodstuffs are under the reference level but contain radioisotopes deemed related to industry or medical waste, do not use the ingredient until it can no longer be detected. In addition, allow any parents who so choose to send lunch boxes and water bottles with their children to school.

#### 2. Implementation of Seminars for Nutritionists at Schools:

We demand that Suginami-ku set up seminars for nutritionists and parents in order to allow them to learn how to cook to make less contaminated. We also request some seminars and events for information exchange between teachers at day cares, kindergartens and schools.

#### 3. Measurement and Disclosure of Radiation in Tap Water:

We demand that Suginami city continues to measure radiation in tap water and disclose the data. List the data up to 0.1Bq/kg and all detected Radionuclides instead of stating: "Not Detected" when it measures under 20Bq/kg.

#### 4. Measurement and Disclosure of Radiation in at Schools and Playgrounds:

We demand that Suginami-ku measures radiation levels( $\alpha,\gamma,\beta$ ) at the play grounds at all day care centers, preschools, kindergartens, elementary schools, junior high schools and all facilities for children in the city (outdoor ground level, 0.5m and 1m above). If it exceeds 1mSv/y (0.11 $\mu$ Sv/h), the reference level stated under Japanese law, Suginami-ku should measure its radioisotope contaminant density and publish it to Suginami residents. Also decontaminate when found to be over an appropriate reference level and set a regulation for school grounds to protect children from unnecessary exposure; such as no outside play time in contamination conditions.

#### 5. Decontamination of Radioactive Contamination:

We demand that Suginami-ku should encourage and support neighborhood associations to decontaminate the radioactive fallout in the city (such as those on gutters of public streets) in order to maintain the safety and cleanliness of the city by reaching the ALARA level.

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