

### Annex 3

## **Policy Speech by the Governor of Tokyo, Shintaro Ishihara, at the First Regular Session of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly, 2012**

(Subsidies for North Korean schools)

Moving on, I would like to discuss the subject of subsidies to North Korean schools. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government provides subsidies to “miscellaneous category” schools that educate foreign children in order to help defray their operational costs. This is because having foreign nationals deepen their understanding of Japan and develop an attachment to our country is also very meaningful for Japan’s future.

However, this becomes a totally different story in the case of schools that are indicated to have a close affiliation with Chongryon, the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, which is under the influence of the North Korean government, which abducted Japanese citizens, and when there are doubts about the school’s curriculum and political neutrality. Because of such reasons, we have decided not to include subsidies for North Korean schools in our budget. We will continue thorough investigations into the management and curriculum of these schools.

<http://www.metro.tokyo.jp/ENGLISH/GOVERNOR/ARC/20121031/SPEECH/2012/fgm57103.htm>