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Dear Governor of Hokkaido, Tokyo, Osaka and other 24 prefectures

Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology  
Hiroshi HASE

**Attention with regard to the provision of local government subsidies to  
North Korean schools (Notice)**

Although the Government of Japan does not provide the subsidies to North Korean schools, some local governments provide them according to the laws and ordinances on its own responsibility and judgement.

As for North Korean schools, the government recognizes that Chosen Soren, which is an organization having a close relationship with North Korean, attaches importance to their education and influences their educational content, personnel affairs and finance.

In this regard, I would like to request local governments to examine the public nature of subsidies with respect to North Korean schools and their effects in terms of educational proportion thoroughly, to ensure appropriate and transparent administration of subsidies in accordance with their intent and purpose and to appropriately provide information on the intent and purpose of the subsidies to their citizens, taking the aforesaid characteristics of the operation of North Korean schools into account, as well as considering the effect on the children attending such schools.

In addition, I would like to request local governments to inform relevant municipal departments within the area of this attention. Lastly, I would like to add that the content of this attention was already consulted with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

**Trasnlated by: Human Rights Association for Korean Residents in Japan (HURAK)**