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Dear Mr. Kevin Willcutts,

In regard to your letter dated March 4, 2010 requesting for information on child labor, forced labor, and forced or indentured child labor, I have received answers from the capital as follows:

1. Policies and Measures to Avoid Child Labor and Forced Labor

We have the legislative provisions to prevent child labor, including the Constitution, the Penal Code, the Law on Punishment of Activities Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children, the Employment Security Law, and the Child Welfare Law.

2. Policies and Measures to Prevent Hazardous Labor by Children

Hazardous labor by children is illegal and strictly regulated by several legislations including the Child Welfare Law.

3. Statistics on Manufacturing Using Child Labor

There is no official statistics on manufacturing using child labor, as such labor is illegal in Japan.

For further information, please contact Kaori Nakamura at [REDACTED] or via e-mail at [REDACTED]

Sincerely
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