



AKIRUNO CITY

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Mr. Arthur Vigeant
Mayor of the City of Marlborough
City Hall
140 Main Street
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Dear Mayor Vigeant:

I hope you'll forgive my writing to you in this way since I can readily understand how difficult the past few weeks have been for you.

I learnt 143 cases infected with coronavirus have been found and two lives are lost by 12th in your city. As a sister city, it is a sorrow that we have received such sad news. I also heard about nation-wide self-isolation and school closure in the U.S.A. I suppose many of the citizens are feeling uncomfortable with this unprecedented situation.

Here in Akiruno City, 1 case is reported by today. Prime Minister Abe declared the state of emergency to seven prefectures including Tokyo on April 7th, and people are requested to stay at home until May 6th.

Although the coronavirus is widespreading all over the world, I pray we can find the strength to endure this hard situation.

Please convey my feelings to your citizens since I know this will all leave you closer now.

Yours sincerely,

Hideyuki Muraki
Mayor
Akiruno City