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Dear Mr. Mark John Thompson, Director-General of BBC

    Mr. Piers Fletcher, Producer of "QI"

Letter to demand better understanding on victims of radiation: Reflection upon "QI" broadcasted in December 2010

We, the YWCA of Japan is an international NGO promoting peace through various activities over 60 years. Our position on peace is based on the responsibility we owe by being the aggressor during the Asia Pacific War and the devastating experience of the two A-bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.　One of our highlighted peace education programs is held in Hiroshima every summer for the purpose of developing sustainable and peaceful world. There, we learn with <u>participants from around the world</u> the inhumanity of wars and the use of nukes.

We believe that the issue raised in the QI broadcasted in December 2010 which treated Mr. Tsutomu Yamaguchi's experience thoughtlessly is <u>not only a serious violation of human dignity for Japanese but for people around the world who suffer from radiation</u>.

We demand BBC;

- **To realize its apology by taking sincere action.**

We emphasize that the victims of the A-bombs were not <u>only Japanese but people around the world including British</u>, and the number of radiation victims continues to increase by various nuclear businesses and the use of new types of bombs such as DU. We earnestly demand that BBC should study more about the facts of nukes as a responsible mass media and should broadcast them on its programs so that the audience learn the truth about it.

- **To educate audience about the facts.**

The Mayer of Nagasaki city (Japan) has sent BBC a documentary DVD on Mr. Tsutomu Yamaguchi. We request BBC to best utilize the material to educate the audience about the fact of nukes.

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