Appeal to Scientists in Great Britain on Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb Tests

The Science Council of Japan has on many occasions been appealing to the scientists throughout the world for their cooperation in realizing prohibition of atomic and hydrogen bombs as well as suspension of their tests. Unfortunately, however, no agreement has yet been reached among the nations possessing such bombs on prohibition of atomic weapons, and, moreover, a series of hydrogen bomb tests is now going to be carried out by the Government of your country in the vicinity of Christmas Island.

Japanese scientists have already issued a warning that such tests will not only contaminate the sea water in the surrounding area and exert a grave influence on Japanese fisheries, etc., but will increase the contamination of atmosphere by radioactive fall-out produced by the explosion, which will have the possibility of becoming a menace to the life of mankind and of giving harmful genetic influences on human beings.

We strongly desire that atomic and hydrogen bomb tests by any country be suspended, and earnestly wish for the