

Dear Mr. Vicente Gonzalez Loscertales

We appreciate your great contributions to holding the World Expo in order to cultivate friendship and peace.

I am Tsutomu Teramoto, spokesperson of Yumeshima Round-table Conference (The Round-table Conference by Citizens Concerned about Changing Town-planning of Yumeshima Island).

We sent a letter to you, "Request about the World Expo 2025", in the name of Sakurada Teruo, Joint Representative of our group, in September. In this letter, we pointed out various problems and dangers which will occur when EXPO 2025 is held at Yumeshima Island. We have been especially concerned about the dangers influenced by strong typhoons or major earthquakes.

Recently, a new fact about this have come to light. According to Mainichi Shimbun (October 24), one of the most well-known newspapers in Japan, Osaka City Gov., Bureau of Port and Harbor announced that, if a very strong typhoon (940 hectopascals) attacks Osaka Bay areas, the height of waves will be higher one or a few meters than expected. Bureau also pointed out that tide embankments in artificial islands, including Yumeshima, must be raised more than three meters for preventing flooding in some areas.

Of course, it is not enough to raise tide embankments only in Yumeshima, because if artificial islands near Yumeshima suffer from flooding, Yumeshima will lose transport access to outside.

Many citizens of Osaka became more afraid of this issue after Typhoon Jebi flooded nearby Kansai airport in September, 2018. However, even after this disaster, Osaka Gov. Ichiro Matsui and Osaka Mayor Hirofumi Yoshimura says there's nothing to worry about. For example, Matsui tweeted, "The island of Yumeshima is higher above sea level than Kansai airport, so there is no problem." Yoshimura also said on Twitter, "Yumeshima is nine meters above sea level, so there would be no flooding at all."

This time it becomes clear that Osaka City Gov. itself is afraid that there is the possibility of flooding Yumeshima Island by typhoons. We again make a cordial request to you that you should make a proper action for changing the location of Expo 2025 from Yumeshima.

Sincerely

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