

To: the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
To: the Governor of Tokyo

40-year-old plan, why now?

We citizens demand the cancellation of The Gaikan Expressway Construction Plan

(From Oizumi, Nerima-ku to Unane, Setagaya-ku, total length 16km)

The Gaikan Expressway Construction Plan is to build a 16km long tunnel under the suburbs of Tokyo, where tens of thousands of people reside. This plan involves many uncertain factors. We are especially concerned about the following issues, and we strongly demand the cancellation of the plan altogether.

- **Under the ground** – The tunnel goes through the areas rich in water sources. A huge impact on the quality of water and greenery in the wide areas of Tokyo is expected
- **Over the ground** – The plan includes the interchanges, exhaust vents, and Gaikan2 (over the ground road). A harmful impact on the environment over the ground is also expected.
- **Quality of life** – The polluting and drying up of the underground water, air pollution, and ground subsidence will bring damage to people and cities.
- **Cost** – 1.6 trillion yen(100 million yen per meter)! The tax money should be spent in ways beneficial for people's lives and health.
- **Obscure objectives** – We are told the objective of the construction is to ease the heavy traffic conditions, but the expected effect is only a 1.5% decrease of congestion. The new road may actually attract more traffic.
- **In the age of ecology** – Gaikan is against the idea of the CO2 control and the effort to become less dependent on automobiles. The plan is behind its time without any vision for the future.

Cancel the plan for the earth, future and children!

【One hundred thousand signatures】

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