ATTACHMENT

1) Introduction of the Organization for the Rights of Children with Disabilities, Japan (RCDJ)

Established in 2014. It is the group which prepares reports and other information on the conditions in which children with disabilities in Japan are placed in educational settings, and works to appeal to UN human rights organizations to improve these conditions. Participants include teachers at special-needs schools, university faculty members, and lawyers, etc.

2) Excerpts of the relevant Paragraphs from Concluding observations on the initial report of Japan, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

 Health (art. 25)

53. The Committee notes with concern:

(c) The limited measures to ensure access, on an equal basis with others, to quality, age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health services and sex education for all persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls with disabilities;

54. Taking into account the links between article 25 of the Convention and targets 3.7 and 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(e) Ensure that high-quality, age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health services and comprehensive sexuality education are inclusive of and accessible to all persons with disabilities, in particular women and girls with disabilities;

3) Excerpts of the relevant Paragraphs from Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report of Japan by the Human Rights Committee, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

38. The Committee notes with concern the reports of restriction of freedom of thought and conscience in the State party. It is concerned that as a result of teachers’ passive, non-disruptive acts of non-compliance with the requirement to stand and face the flag and sing the national anthem at school ceremonies, some have received punishment of up to six months’ suspension from duties. Furthermore, the Committee is concerned at the alleged use of force to compel students to stand during ceremonies (art. 18).

39. The State party should guarantee the effective exercise of freedom of thought and conscience and refrain from any action that may restrict such freedom beyond the narrowly defined restrictions permitted under article 18 of the Covenant. It should bring its legislation and practices into conformity with article 18 of the Covenant.