



Action Group

to Surround the National Stadium
and Raise Civic Consciousness
about the 2020 Olympics Venue 5th July 2014



Our Purpose

Let's join hands next month around the old stadium to form the Olympic Logo representing the Five Regions of the World! We are opposed to razing the old Tokyo stadium before taking up a discussion about possible renovation and repurposing of the existing facility.

What we're going to do...

We plan to meet at Meiji Koen (Meiji Park) on Saturday, 5th July, at 3 P.M. Then, we'll set off to march round the stadium leaving enough space between one marcher and the next eventually to join hands, once the first person meets the last individual in the group. (It will require 800 persons to form a single ring of the logo.) Once the first circle is complete, that group will return to the starting point. And the next formation will begin.

Style and Guidelines

This is a focused demonstration but also a non-political one. We hope the mood will be relaxed, without whistles or loudspeakers. The aim is spontaneity. Walk slowly and stay relaxed, we don't want any domino effects in the line-up! If you can, try to wear blue, as the event will be themed on this color. Also, if you can, set your smart phone to play the tune "Daydream Believer", which we hope will set a relaxed and optimistic mood.

What we're protesting...

The proposed scheme for a new National Olympic Stadium is a very strange, if not monstrous, one. The method of selection was secretive and heavy-handed, as most people have now understood. The size of the Queen Elizabeth III, the proposed scheme is vastly out of scale for this area of Tokyo. No one knows how it may be used after the 2020 Olympics are over, but in spite of that a huge amount of taxpayer funds have been set aside for the eventual completion. We want first of all to say "No!" to this kind of unplanned and extraordinary financial outlay. We don't want to put on a good face and ignore what's happening under the very noses of Tokyo citizens. What we do want is very large peaceful gathering to display our opposition. This is our society and we want the authorities to know who's in charge. We don't want to be bulldozed into some kind of passive acceptance of a fait accompli. Public architecture and city planning belong to the citizens, since after all it's we who are the city and its users! Given the chance, we will be able to come up with a more reasonable and efficient use of this locale all in accommodating ample plans for the 2020 Olympics! So, please join us this 5th July.

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