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Toshiro Muto, CEO
The Tokyo Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Dear Mr. Muto:

I'm writing on behalf of Hong Kong-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Asia, which has more than 4 million members and supporters worldwide, including many in Japan. We realize that the Tokyo Organising Committee is facing many challenges, from the logistics of holding the games during the pandemic to rising costs and controversial statements. We most respectfully suggest that cruelty to animals is one storm you can easily avoid.

PETA recently released [video footage](#) documenting shocking and appalling conditions for chickens at ISE Foods, which is certified by Japan Good Agricultural Practices to supply eggs at the Tokyo Olympics.

The footage shows hens confined to rows of stacked cages and packed so tightly together that they can barely move, much less spread their wings. Dead chickens are left to rot alongside surviving ones, and many birds are seen covered with inflamed sores. Some hens endured a prolonged and frightening death after becoming trapped under a food trough—but the farm's daily report dismisses these fatalities as birds who simply became "stuck."

Hens were seen with reproductive tissue protruding from their body, a painful condition. Others suffered from severe abdominal swelling. Sick and injured birds received no veterinary care.

We trust that after learning of these findings, you will agree that the Tokyo Organising Committee's certification of ISE Foods was in error and will re-examine your partnership with this company. **Given the abundant number of vegan egg brands now available, will you replace all the eggs at the Tokyo Olympics with vegan options?**

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you about this important matter.

Very truly yours,

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