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## **Enactment of the Sashigaya Nursery School Asbestos Health Countermeasures Implementation Guideline**

During the renovation work carried out at Bunkyo City's Sashigaya Nursery School between July 1999 and December 2000, sprayed asbestos in the ceiling of the building was dispersed, exposing children and staff in the adjacent nursery room to this harmful substance. We would like to once again express our sincere apologies to the parents/guardians, children and staff for this situation.

The city later established a review committee of experts to clarify the causes of the incident and to discuss future measures. In December 2003, the Bunkyo City Sashigaya Nursery School Asbestos Exposure Health Countermeasures Review Committee Report was compiled. Based on the contents of this report, health countermeasures and other measures were implemented, with Bunkyo City taking responsibility for doing so.

Bunkyo City also formulated the Sashigaya Nursery School Asbestos Health Countermeasures Implementation Guideline to clarify future health countermeasures. The city will ensure that the health countermeasures stipulated in the guideline are implemented. At the same time, if any persons develop any of the diseases the guideline mentions, the city will respond in good faith and provide relief to the parties involved so that anyone exposed to asbestos at Sashigaya Nursery School will not need to spend significant time and effort and suffer mentally before receiving compensation for the effects asbestos exposure has had on their health.

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