

Benesse Holdings, Inc.

November 14th, 2014

To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Progress (COP) that comprises of a CEO statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COP report due to the impact caused by the incident in July, which also led to a major change in the structure of our organization.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COP that describes our company's efforts and progresses to implement the principles of the UN Global Compact. Our new COP report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by February 11th, 2015, at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chie Ryu".

Chie Ryu

Manager

Corporate Communications & Investor Relations Department

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