Report on Ongoing Transparency Concerns in Chiba City Educational ICT Procurement

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Overview

This report documents the continued concerns regarding systemic transparency and accountability failures in the public ICT procurement carried out by Chiba City, Japan.

The project, estimated at approximately 83 billion yen (approx. €500 million), involves large-scale deployment of educational ICT infrastructure and services, including platforms provided by Google.

Recent Developments

- In May–June 2025, reports were formally submitted to Google's Ethics & Business Integrity division.
- Multiple communications have taken place with Google Ireland Ltd. and representatives at Google Headquarters, including Mr. Andrew Price.
- Independent reports have been shared with EU institutions, including the European Data Protection Board and European Ombudsman.
- Concerns persist regarding opaque procurement processes, incomplete audit trails, and the potential misuse of public funds.

These issues have attracted international scrutiny and raise broader questions about accountability in publicly funded technology deployments.

Supporting Documentation

For reference, a public archive of supporting materials is available: https://github.com/chiroru1220/chiba-ict-report

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