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Report Title: Responsibility Attributed to Mayor Toshihito Kumagai for the Reconstruction of CHAINS in Chiba City and Its Connection to Google Brand Misuse

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Introduction

This report asserts that responsibility for the structural misuse of ICT infrastructure in Chiba City—including the erosion of trust in Google Workspace for Education—can be directly attributed to **former mayor Toshihito Kumagai**. It is intended to serve as a formal warning to relevant parties, particularly Google.

1. Kumagai's CIO Declaration and Direct Oversight of CHAINS Reconstruction

While serving as mayor (2009–2021), Kumagai publicly declared himself the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and took personal command of Chiba City's digital reforms.

Notably, during the 2020 CHAINS reconstruction, he: - Positioned CHAINS as the core infrastructure of the GIGA School Program - Facilitated a five-year, approx. ¥11.9 billion consortium contract with NEC Fielding and related parties

This makes him the **central architect of the institutionalized closed and collusive ICT structure**.

2. Collusion with NEC and Establishment of an "Audit-Evading Security" System

The reconstructed CHAINS platform includes the following suspicious features: - Vault disconnected (to bypass Google Workspace logging) - Toleration of DMARC FAIL headers (enabling email spoofing) - Enforced file encryption preventing third-party audits

These mechanisms reflect a system that appears to enforce security, while actually **obstructing transparency and external accountability**—a design largely implemented under Kumagai's mayoralty.

3. Misuse of the Google Brand and Individual Accountability

Despite claiming to use Google Workspace for Education, the CHAINS system: - Fails to preserve legitimate Google Vault logs - Relays Gmail traffic through Outlook servers, allowing header spoofing

Such misuse **exploits Google's credibility while undermining it**, and this structural misuse was formally implemented under Kumagai's direction. As such, **personal accountability can be established**.

4. Kumagai's Shift to Governor and Risk of Prefecture-Wide Contamination

Since 2021, Kumagai has served as Governor of Chiba Prefecture. There are signs the "Chiba City model" has spread to other municipalities: - Structural similarities in GIGA School deployments - Expansion of the NEC × SkyMenu framework across the prefecture

This necessitates a **wider investigation into ICT procurement and deployment across Chiba Prefecture**.

Conclusion

Although the term "CHAINS" predated Kumagai's term (dating back to 2003), the **audit-resistant ICT framework known as today's CHAINS was institutionalized during his mayoralty**.

This issue is critical for Google in terms of: - Preserving brand credibility - Maintaining legitimacy in the education market - Restoring public trust in Japan

We strongly advise that **Kumagai's personal role be acknowledged explicitly** in any future compliance efforts.

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