



Kameoka Zero Single-use Plastic Waste Declaration

The increasingly serious problem of marine plastic pollution is having a huge impact on the marine ecosystem, affecting fishes and seabirds, and has become a global issue. Even in Kameoka, it is of great concern that the problem of single-use plastic waste such as plastic bottles and plastic bags in large amounts, would affect even the diverse river ecosystem which boasts pristine waters that serve as the habitat for the city's representative fish "Ayumodoki" (Japanese kissing loach). This concern is well warranted as the current waste problem is already posing a significant impact on the natural landscape including that of the Hozugawa River, the living environment, and tourism.

It is necessary to tackle and address this issue on an individual level. Furthermore, this issue at hand is not something that we can solve unless we implement initiatives that promote individual action in cooperation with other cities domestically and internationally and create a foundation for further sustainable actions.

The world at present is racing towards the reduction of disposable plastic waste. In 2012, the first marine litter summit in an inland municipality was held in Kameoka city, to convey measures to eliminate marine litter from the "Mother River: the Hozugawa River". By furthering such measures, we aim to bring everyone together to create a society with zero single-use plastic waste by 2030. In addition, we will realize the goal of being a "world-class environmentally advanced city" that integrates efforts to conserve the natural environment and vitalize the regional economy.

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【Goals】

- (1) To make all stores offer plastic bags for a charge, in order to first eliminate plastic bag usage, and proceed with efforts that aim for a 100% complete switch to eco-friendly bags.
- (2) “To not dispose of any plastic waste into the Hozu River for it will go downstream and into the sea.” To cultivate such consideration and thereby foster an awareness for the need to rise up against the global issue of marine pollution (micro plastics).
- (3) To collect 100% of all plastic waste that is currently being generated while aiming for sustainable resource recycling within the region.
- (4) To issue a broad call for the reduction of disposable plastic waste and the usage of only reusable dishware or dishware made out of recyclable materials for events held in the city.
- (5) To actively support environmentally friendly measures undertaken by citizens and business operators and aim to enhance the world-class brand power of “Kameoka: An Environmentally Advanced City”.

