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## Osaka Declaration toward Zero Plastic Waste

Plastic-use has been widespread and rapidly growing in our country since the middle of 20th century, and is essential for our daily life today. On the other hand, plastics and other things are carelessly thrown away and reach the ocean through rivers. In recent years, global society has recognized that plastic and other waste seriously damage the marine environment and life. Our society is also concerned about the effect of microplastics on ecosystems.

As the host city of the G20 JAPAN 2019 and World Expo 2025, we aim to show good leadership in contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals. Accordingly, our city is promoting recycling plastics, and taking initiatives to prevent pollution of rivers and seas with plastic waste.

We also resolve, with the cooperation of citizens and companies, to work continuously toward zero plastic waste and will henceforth promote the following principles and procedures: understanding the facts about ocean pollution, reducing the use of disposable plastic products, practicing 3R activities, regulating plastic litter, and using substitute paper products.

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