



People's Environmental Forum

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From Toyama to the World Environmental Declaration of Global Citizens

After the Industrial Revolution and WWII, the world has been globalized through rapid development and economic expansion and people's lifestyles have been greatly changed. However, this rapid modernization has also brought social disparity/inequality, which has made people's lives and everyday living difficult. Here in Toyama Prefecture, cadmium has caused Itai-Itai Disease and its victims' sufferings will never end.

We who live in this modern time have caused various serious problems, which could jeopardize our mother earth, such as waste caused by mass consumption, destruction of biodiversity by destroying nature and continuing global warming in exchange for a highly convenient life. The international world represented by G7 countries should take an initiative to solve these problems by taking specific actions that implement the COP 21 Paris Agreement. Also at the same time people have to review their own lifestyle and move on to contribute to a sustainable and truly happy community. After we have gone through the Great East Japan Earthquake, we can steer toward a flexible and sharing society with a human touch.

Gathering for "Earth Day Toyama 2016 People's Environmental Forum," with a sustainable development goal (SDGs) in mind, we are here to declare to set the following targets and go ahead with the revolution of ourselves and our community in order to fulfill the responsibilities for the future.

- We will shift from a material civilization to one prioritizing the environment and life.
- We will deal with nature humbly, conserve biodiversity and life with its benefits, and pass this practice on to the next generation.
- We will shift from relying on an expansion-focused global economy to a sustainable economy that circulates in communities.
- We will establish our desirable future through participating in government as a responsible citizen.
- We will get involved in better countermeasures not only depending on governments or specialists, but also discussing with them equally through acquiring logical thinking and research skills.
- We will play our own role and create a collaborative community.
- We will push ahead with eating locally produced food and revive local communities with high self-sufficiency.
- We aim at becoming more independent of nuclear power and less dependent on fossil fuel and utilizing 100 % renewable energy.
- We will share information with each other and establish a "citizens' platform" that acts as a gateway to empowerment.
- We will regularly meet together to discuss the progress of each member's activities based on the above declaration and keep working on improvement.

Earth Day Toyama 2016 "People's Environmental Forum" participants