

Takarazuka City Climate Emergency Declaration

Recently around the world many natural disasters have occurred such as heat waves, forest fires, floods and droughts because of global warming. In Japan, huge typhoons and torrential rainfall in limited areas as well as record high heat waves have caused immense damage. If we do not stop global warming, our ecosystem and society will be greatly damaged by serious climate change in the not so distant future.

According to the IPCC's special report released in 2018, we must keep the temperature increase to 1.5°C or less compared with that of the era prior to the industrial revolution. To do this we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 46% by 2030 and to zero by 2050 according to government recommendations.

In order to attain this goal, we must get countries and local entities worldwide to recognize how critical the situation is and to work to prevent future disasters.

Because of this situation we must declare a state of emergency. We will work in close cooperation with citizens, businesses and the administration towards realizing a sustainable environment for the sake of future generations under the declaration of "Environmental City"

We declare:

1. We recognize how deeply serious climate change is and will share information widely with citizens, businesses and Takarazuka City to combat climate change.
2. We will do our best to tackle global warming by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases by half by 2030 and to zero by 2050.
3. We will make a full study and maintain educational opportunities for both adults and the next generation of children so that they can understand global warming and work to prevent it.

By tackling the above, we will take action to widen the circle of cooperation with other local entities who will also act to prevent the climate emergency.

Signed on December 22,2021

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