

Declaration of Conservation of the Global Environment by Children 2008

It is no longer enough for us to ask grownups anxiously not to contaminate our future. We have keenly realized that it is us children who should take responsibility for the future of Japan and also for the whole globe. At Children's Eco Summit 2008, with a strong eco-consciousness, we will proclaim as follows.

No. 1 We will deepen our understanding of issues that affect the global environment such as global warming, and seriously study ways to protect our environment.

No. 2 We will get rid of egoism among individuals, communities, and nations. We will work together hand-in-hand with the children all around the world to create a better environment for mother earth.

No. 3 We will respect our ancestors' wisdom and will have courage to change negative aspects of our culture. We will try to make the world better for the next generation using creativity, not with destruction.

No. 4 Now is the time for us to recall that the Japanese have been traditionally caring of all living things, plants and animals. We must push to reorganize our overdeveloped consumer society to conserve natural resources the way we should.

No. 5 By disciplining ourselves with an expectation not to enjoy too much comfort and convenience from the modern society, we will focus on constructing an ideal future. We will amplify our ideas through eco-activism on a daily basis.

No. 6 Specific Actions

1. We will plant trees.
2. We will recycle.
3. We will keep "Mottainai" spirit in mind.
4. We will make an ecology balance sheet individually.
5. We will avoid every single activity that worsens the global environment.
6. We will make efforts in the field of science and technology for the recovery of the global environment.

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