

Tohoku SDGs Future Cities Summit

Climate Emergency Declaration

In recent years, various weather abnormalities have been observed in countries across the world, including Japan. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has indicated that this series of weather abnormalities is connected with a tendency towards long-term global warming caused by an increase in greenhouse gases. Furthermore, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reported that our lifestyles and productive activities play a large part in this increase in greenhouse gases.

In accordance with this situation, we – the municipalities of Rikuzentakata City (Iwate Pref.), Higashi-Matsushima City (Miyagi Pref.), Semboku City (Akita Pref.) Iide Town (Yamagata Pref.) and Koriyama City (Fukushima Pref.) – recognize the weather abnormalities of the recent years as a threat. In accordance with the sustainable community-building policies as SDGs Future Cities selected from the Tohoku region, we declare to implement countermeasures through mutual cooperation, which include the following activities:

1. Thoroughly enforcing the reduction (REDUCE), reusing (REUSE), recycling (RECYCLE) and prevention (REFUSE) of waste material
2. Promoting the use of renewable energy, as well as energy conservation
3. Spreading awareness of consumption-behavior with consideration for people, society and the environment (ethical consumerism)
4. Promoting efforts that contribute to the prevention of global warming according to the respective cities' environments and challenges

16th of January, 2020

Mayor of Rikuzentakata City, Iwate Prefecture

Mayor of Higashi-Matsushima City, Miyagi Prefecture

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