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Climate Emergency Declaration

In 2016, 175 parties in the world, including Japan, confirmed the threat of climate change and the urgent need to address it. In response to climate change, they signed the Paris Agreement, which aims at “holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.”

The global average temperature has already risen by 1°C in comparison to pre-industrial levels. From this, there has been a continuous increase in extreme climate changes worldwide such as heatwaves, forest fires, floods, sea level rises and droughts. Millions of people, wildlife, and nature have become victims of climate change and it’s becoming increasingly difficult to live a peaceful and safe life.

Even across Japan, climate disasters such as heatwaves, typhoons, localized torrential downpours, and floods are causing tragic damages. In addition, the decrease of seaweed beds and subsequent changes of fish migration routes have likewise taken a severe toll on the fishing industry.

Non-profit Organization ZERI Japan recognizes the considerable threat that global warming-induced by climate change poses to human societies and nature, and hereby declares a state of climate emergency.

CO2 emissions must be reduced to zero effectively by 2050 to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. To move towards decarbonization, ZERI Japan will engage itself in the following actions.

1. We will proactively strive to promote wide-spread public awareness of the current climate change emergency and encourage the public to conserve energy and thoroughly Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in their family, social, and business activities. Also, we will encourage them to Refuse in consumption activities proactively. In particular, the 4 Rs should be thoroughly practiced for plastic wastes, which cause marine pollution.
2. We will accelerate its initiative to cooperate with private businesses so that all the Japanese energy sources can move away from fossil fuels and completely convert to renewable local energy sources such as solar and wind power by 2050.
3. We will appeal to the Government of Japan, and other local governments for cooperation with “Climate Emergency Declaration” and “Climate Mobilization Planning and Practice.”

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