

News Release

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Dear all

Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc.

Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan to give as much water as it uses for production back to nature at its Kiyama and Tosu plants!

The company signed a five-party agreement on forest conservation with Saga Prefecture, Tosu City, Kiyama Town, and Saga Eastern Forestry Association

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan Inc. (Headoffice: Minato-ku, Tokyo, President: Tamio Yoshimatsu) held ceremonies to sign a “Comprehensive Agreement for Collaboration and Cooperation on Forest Conservation Concerning Abundant Nature of Saga for Future” with Saga Prefecture, Tosu City, Kiyama Town, and Saga Eastern Forestry Association, and an “Agreement on Forest Conservation/Maintenance” with Saga Eastern Forestry Association.

The agreement with Saga, Tosu, Kiyama, and the forestry association aims to make the community prosperous with a blessing of water by preserving/revitalizing forests that generate abundant water in water sources of our plants, based on Saga’s New Vision of Forest Creation through activities through close cooperation and collaboration in Tosu and Kiyama, where water sources of our Tosu and Kiyama plants in Saga are located. The agreement also pursues activities to preserve the abundant nature of Saga for the future, expanding an idea of “Forests, rivers, and oceans are all connected.” At the same time, by signing the forest conservation/maintenance agreement with the forestry association, we will protect the natural environment of the forests under a conservation program in Saga for a long time, and secure the replenishing ability of water sources.

Through these agreements, we’ll give as much water as we use at Tosu and Kiyama plants back to nature.

【at Governor’s press conference room, 4F, annex of Saga prefecture’s government office】



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* **Water Neutrality** – an initiative to give as much water as we use at plants back to nature



●Five initiatives to realize water neutrality

▪ Protection of water resources

We identify the water source areas of our plants, and conduct a scientific research on the quantity and quality of water at Coca-Cola system's plants nationwide. We also work with communities and experts to protect water resources so that water sources are able to keep the ability to generate and store water.

▪ Water intake

At our plants, we strictly control the amount of water used in production in order to save water, a blessing of nature. Every year, we constantly review manufacturing processes and equipment for improvement so that we can reduce water we use, even a little amount of it.

▪ Initiative in water quality control

Is there anything wrong with the water we pumped up? Water quality is carefully checked at our plants every day. In this way, we carefully monitor the "health" of water, which is the basis of making safe products consumers can take with no worries. We also constantly watch for any changes in the environment around our plants as part of our initiative to maintain the water quality to satisfy the standards of the Coca-Cola system.

▪ Initiative for efficient water use

Water for washing, water for heating. Water is used in various processes besides the content of products. We make efforts to efficiently use water, changing the water used for washing into freshwater again with a special machine to reuse it for cleaning at plants.

▪ Initiative in wastewater management

Water we used at plants is returned to nature after properly processed. The Coca-Cola system manages wastewater by its own standards, as well as those of national and local governments. Wastewater goes through many different processes and is strictly monitored so that it never flows out unprocessed.

●Community Water Partnership (CW)

We identify the areas of water sources of our plants, and enter into partnerships with local communities to promote water resource conservation programs tailored to the characteristics of local areas.