

Kanagawa Climate Emergency Declaration

For creation of “Sustainable Kanagawa where lives of the citizens are protected”

Typhoon Faxai and Typhoon Hagibis, which hit Japan in September and October in 2019, brought record windstorms, tidal waves, high tide and heavy rain, causing massive landslides, floods, etc. and seriously affected many parts of Kanagawa Prefecture.

We have also seen frequent occurrence of heatwaves, droughts, floods and rises in sea level throughout the world, which have inflicted enormous damage. These phenomena are said to be caused by climate change, including global warming.

Abnormal weather is anticipated in the future, too, and it is feared to increase the risk of causing even more damage. Today, the climate is in a state of emergency. Under such circumstances, many local governments and assemblies in Japan, as well as across the world, have declared a climate emergency and are taking actions against climate change.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are designed to realize a sustainable society, and coping with the issue of climate change is indispensable in achieving it. To this end, all of us need to recognize this issue as our own affair and consciously take actions in our daily lives.

Sharing the sense of crisis that the climate is in a state of emergency with municipalities, companies, academia, organizations and citizens, Kanagawa Prefectural Government (K.P.G.), as one of the most advanced prefectures in promoting SDGs in Japan, declares a climate emergency to take actions together.

Based on the philosophy of SDGs “Leaving no one behind”, and with understanding and cooperation by the municipalities in the prefecture, we will work for creation of “Sustainable Kanagawa where lives of the citizens are protected” jointly with diverse players ranging from companies, academia, organizations to citizens. We will promote “Adaptation Measures”, such as creation of disaster-resilient communities, “Mitigation Measures” aimed to reduce greenhouse gas, etc. focusing on the following three basic pillars with all-out actions in the prefecture.

1. Strengthening measures against wind and flood damage to protect citizens’ lives today
2. Promoting measures to realize a carbon-free society by 2050 to protect citizens’ lives in the future
3. Enhancing provision of information and education to increase people’s recognition of the climate change issue

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