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## **Commitment for the Future**

**We who live in the modern age are faced with global environmental problems such as a changing climate, loss of biodiversity, and depleting natural resources. Additionally, amidst the daily business of our lives, we have lost the sensibility to share an appreciation for the transience of nature that was once expressed in classical literature. With the proliferation of smartphones and social media, we no longer have the time to listen carefully to nature's voice.**

**Mass production and mass consumption, driven solely by the pursuit of profitability and efficiency, has weakened our reverence for nature, which lies at the heart of traditional industries. As a result, the bond between man and nature once sustained through craftsmanship has worn thin.**

**As opportunities to interact with nature diminish, we lose sight of the inherent connections between forests, villages, and the sea, leading to a separation between our daily lives and the natural world.**

**Faced with these challenges, we shall carry forward the proud legacy of our ancestors in Kyoto and strive towards the future by undertaking the following:**

- We will cherish and enjoy nature in our daily lives, alongside sharing its value and beauty with others.**
- We will strive to deeply understand the traditions that have evolved by embracing new ideas over time, and challenge ourselves to bring about new changes.**
- We will take responsibility for global environmental issues and, for the next generation, we will make the environment a more beautiful place than the one we were born into.**

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