

Seto Coastal Environment Advancement Vision of Hyogo

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On March 2001, We made a plan “ **Seto Coastal Environment Advancement Vision of Hyogo**” as a new action for environmental conservation and creation in the prefectural coastal area of Seto Inland Sea.

Up to now, we have a lot of cooperative efforts to reduce the pollution load and preserve nature in Seto Inland Sea. So we got out of the critical condition of the past, but in these days, the sea water quality shows no remarkable improvement and also the coastal ecosystem is deteriorating.

For the long-term point of view, the aims of this vision are;

- 1 Considering that we have made the worse condition of coastal environment by placing high priority on economic efficiency and convenience , we must change our policy to the sustainable coastal utilization by emphasizing the importance of the environment and coexistence with nature.
- 2 We will take positive action not only for the recovery of the lost nature, but also for the creation of the natural environment such as making forest at recently unused land in coastal area.
- 3 To attain the desirable coastal environment caring each local characteristic such as nature, history and culture, citizens will make up their visions and act voluntarily.

This vision consists of four category of coastal environment;

- (1) water and segment pollution (2)creatures and their habitat (3)relationship between citizens(4)landscape

And five principal policies are;

- 1 To improve the environmental quality level by conservation and creation.
- 2 To shift to the sustainable coastal use from now on.
- 3 To treat sea and land in coastal area as united space.
- 4 To make more efforts in river basin for Seto Inland Sea.
- 5 To realize individualistic coastal environment by “participation and cooperation”.

And main actions for environment advancement are;

- (1)further reduction of pollution load (2)decrease of landfill (3)preservation of existing nature (4)measure for recovery and creation of environment (5)public use of coast (6)reviving promotion of forest in river basin (7)decrease of garbage for water area (8)environmental education and study

We will promote comprehensive and strategic efforts on such as some leading projects and local cooperative programs based on this vision.

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