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We the citizens of Sapporo have enjoyed a severe yet nurturing climate that has left us warm-hearted and generous. We have inherited the hardiness of our ancestors and their ability to live in harmony with nature.

The Clock Tower, whose clock has been ticking off the city’s history and whose bell has kept ringing out the hours, has stood watch over Sapporo citizens.

We the citizens of Sapporo, appreciate the land of Sapporo, all life that inhabits it, and our predecessors who built this beautiful city. To leave future generations with a city of improved environmental consciousness, we will move in a new direction.

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Preface (General Statement)

We the citizens of Sapporo, will leave future generations a city with a sound natural environment, beauty in all four seasons, and rich culture, and we will create a better environment for the city and the earth as a whole.

Article I (The Natural Environment)

We will be a city that preserves water and greenery.

Article II (A Resource-Saving, Recycling-Oriented Society)

We will be a recycling-oriented city that uses resources wisely and minimizes waste.

Article III (Energy)

We will be a city that reduces energy consumption and uses environmentally friendly energy.

Article IV (Consumer Activities)

We will be a city whose citizens favor environmentally friendly products and 3 Rs foods.

Article V (Urban Environment)

We will be a city with environmentally low-impact transportation networks.

Article VI (Education and Learning)

We will be a city where the citizens learn about the environment and work to conserve it.

Article VII (Global Perspective and Peace)

We will be a city whose citizens contribute to the global environment and world peace.