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KANEKA CORPORATION

Straws made from KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™
to be launched in DAISO 100-yen shops

Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Minoru Tanaka) announced that straws made from KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ (referred to below as "Green Planet™") will be launched in DAISO 100-yen shops operated by Daiso Industries Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Higashihiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture; President: Seiji Yano). This environmentally friendly products will be sequentially available in 2,500 stores from mid-January.

Green Planet™ is a 100% plant-derived biodegradable polymer developed by Kaneka. With its excellent biodegradability in a wide range of environments, Green Planet™ has been certified as biodegradable in seawater by "OK Biodegradable MARINE"*. As one of its environmental measures, Daiso Industries is actively expanding its selection of environmentally friendly products (ECO products). Green Planet™ was selected by Daiso Industries for its contributions to reducing marine pollution.

Based on our mission of "Kaneka thinks Wellness First", Kaneka provides value globally as a solutions provider. Through the market development of Green Planet™, Kaneka will continue to help solve the problem of environmental pollution.

* Biodegrades at least 90% in seawater (30°C) within 6 months. The "OK Biodegradable MARINE" certificate was issued to Green Planet™ (formerly called PHBH™) in September 2017 by Vincotte, an international certifying body headquartered in Belgium. TÜV AUSTRIA Belgium NV took over the certification work from Vincotte in December 2017.



Straws made from Green Planet™

< General description of Daiso Industries Co., Ltd.>

Headquarters: Higashihiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture

President: Seiji Yano

Business description:

Led by the slogan "Danzen! Daiso," DAISO shops offer roughly 76,000 products that enrich people's lives, from daily necessities to hobby products and nonessentials. As of February 2021, there are 5,892 DAISO shops in 24 countries and territories. (3,620 shops in Japan and 2,272 shops in 23 other countries and territories) Daiso Industries develops roughly 800 new products every month. It has 526.2 billion yen in sales. (March 1, 2020, to February 28, 2021)

URL:<https://www.daiso-sangyo.co.jp/>