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KANEKA CORPORATION

Spoons made from Kaneka Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ selected by Heiwado

Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Minoru Tanaka) will gradually roll out spoons made from Kaneka Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ (Green Planet) for 166 Heiwado, Yell and Maruzen supermarkets operated by Heiwado Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Hikone, Shiga Prefecture; President: Masashi Hiramatsu).

Heiwado formulated its Sustainability Vision in December 2021 with the aim of combining solutions to global and local issues through business as Heiwado Group works towards becoming a 100-year company. Heiwado has decided to use Green Planet as a measure to minimize the burden of plastic on the environment.

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” *. It offers the same functions as ordinary plastic, making it possible to use in diverse applications. Based on our mission of "KANEKA thinks 'Wellness First'.", Kaneka will continue to provide solutions to various global issues and solve the problem of plastic pollution through the active market development of Green Planet.

*. 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.

