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KANEKA CORPORATION

## KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ Adopted for Daily Yamazaki straws

Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kazuhiko Fujii) announced that straws using KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ (hereinafter “Green Planet”) have been adopted by Daily Yamazaki convenience stores operated by Yamazaki Baking Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Nobuhiro Iijima). Starting May 13, the straws will be gradually introduced at 180 stores across Japan’s metropolitan area, mainly in Tokyo and Kanagawa.

Green Planet is a 100% biomass-derived biodegradable polymer developed by Kaneka based on our desire to provide environmentally friendly solutions that do not depend on petroleum resources. It has excellent biodegradability in a wide range of environments and decomposes easily into CO<sub>2</sub> and water, both in soil and seawater, helping to address the environmental pollution problem caused by plastics.

Yamazaki Baking Group is implementing various initiatives to help realize a sustainable society, including measures to combat global warming and effectively use food resources. Daily Yamazaki is working to reduce the number of petroleum-derived plastics used by introducing environmentally friendly materials for store supplies. Being 100% biomass-derived biodegradable polymer, Green Planet is highly valued for its ability to reduce the use of petroleum-derived plastics and has been adopted for the straws used to serve iced coffee in stores.

Based on our mission of KANEKA thinks “Wellness First”, Kaneka provides value globally as a solution provider. Based on the development of technologies and applications using our proprietary polymer technology and biotechnology, we will contribute to the realization of a sustainable society by promoting Green Planet on a global scale.



Straw made from Green Planet