

## Declaration of Eco Island Miyakojima

Our island of Miyakojima is a tropical island with colorful plants, an emerald-green ocean, and the shining sun. Surrounded by the sea, this low and flat island made from ancient coral reefs is vulnerable to typhoons and drought. Our most important issue is that we preserve the island's ground water, as we rely upon its fresh water, which, as well as the sea, is an important element of our lives and industry.

Now, in that improving global environmental issues small activities and challenges in all local areas are required, we declare to make our island beautiful and bring environmental awareness and activities together.

- We will protect our precious ground water which supports the island's life.
- We will protect our beautiful coral reefs and the sea.
- We will conserve our limited resources and energy by using our wisdom and creativity.
- We will act individually, aiming to make Miyakojima beautiful, tidy, and earth-friendly.
- We will think and act together with the peoples of the world to preserve and protect our environment and pass it on to future generations.
- We will protect our forests, sea, and air and act to make an environment in which all living things can co-exist.

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