

Skylark to replace takeout and shopping bags from petroleum-based plastic to biomass plastic

Replacing plastic bags to biomass plastic bags (made from sugarcane)

to reduce environmental impact

From 2020 onwards, cutleries and takeaway containers to be sequentially switched

Skylark Holdings Co., Ltd. (headquartered in Musashino City, Tokyo; Chairman, President and CEO: Makoto Tani; code: 3197, Tokyo Stock Exchange; “Skylark,” hereafter) has decided to replace takeout and shopping bags from disposable plastic to eco-friendly biomass plastic.

With the improper disposal of plastic waste becoming a serious environmental problem on a global scale, the Skylark group believes that efforts to reduce plastic waste are an important role as a restaurant chain operating all over Japan. The group began withdrawing disposable plastic drinking straws from December 2018 and completed the withdrawal in the end of July 2019 at all stores.

As a next step, the group is to replace takeout and shopping bags from petroleum-based to environmentally friendly biomass plastic bags. Biomass plastics are made from raw materials derived from plants (sugarcane pomace). By changing from petroleum-based plastic to 100% biomass plastic, CO₂ emissions can be reduced by approximately 180 tons / year, approximately 60%. Subsequently, takeout and delivery cutleries, and containers to be changed from plastic to eco-friendly products.

[Upcoming Schedule]

December 2019	Replace takeout/ shopping bags from petroleum-based plastic to biomass plastic
February 2020	Replace takeout/ delivery cutleries (spoons & forks) from petroleum-based plastic to biomass plastic
Mid 2020	Replace takeout/ delivery containers from petroleum-based plastic eco-friendly products

The Skylark Group considers it is important to help achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) through its business activities and has conducted a range of initiatives to realize sustainability and enhancement of social value. The Group will continue to contribute to local communities by ensuring food safety and security, and will also actively work on the conservation of global environment.

【Company Information】

Company Name : SKYLARK HOLDINGS CO., LTD.
Representative : Makoto Tani, Chairman, President & CEO
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Listed Market : First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE code 3197)
Group Stores : 3,242 stores including overseas location (as of October 31, 2019)

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