

# STOP “COVID-19 Harassment” Declaration

## 1 What is “COVID-19 Harassment”?

The new-type coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus which has not been seen before by humanity and is therefore scary to everybody.

It may be possible that you are unconsciously excluding people or discriminating against others due to fear of this condition, misunderstanding or prejudice.

Has anything similar to any of the following things (COVID-19 Harassment) occurred around you recently?

- Formerly infected persons who have exited hospital being told to “go home” by shops or restaurants.
- Writings or posts online identifying people who have been infected.
- Restaurants suffering losses due to rumours of infections having occurred there.

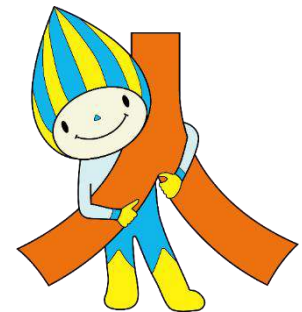
## 2 Offer “kindness” and “gratitude”.

COVID-19 could potentially infect anybody; we are fighting against the virus, not other people.

Offer “kindness” to protect those who are in the position of having been infected. Furthermore, offer “gratitude” to those medical staff and others who are on the frontlines in healthcare and social life preservation.

By treasuring connections between people like this, we can overcome this difficult situation.

- Let’s completely eradicate the blaming and discriminatory treatment of patients, those in close-contact with infected persons, medical staff, foreigners, visitors from other regions, families of such persons and particular businesses.
- The dissemination of unreliable news concerning infections (fake news) is not something to be tolerated. Easily spread sources such as SNS posts only increase uncertainty.
- Let’s offer our gratitude anew to those who support our daily lives by working as medical staff, being involved with measures against COVID-19, working to maintain the food supply or working in community safety.



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