

Prince Hotels

Single-use plastic straws to be removed from directly-managed restaurants and banquet venues at all Prince Hotel hotels, ski resorts, and golf courses around Japan.

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From January 2019, Prince Hotels, Inc. (Headquarters: 3-1-5 Higashi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo; President: Masahiko Koyama) is progressively ceasing the use of single-use plastic straws at directly-managed restaurants and banquet venues at its 43 hotels, beginning with certain restaurants in The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho and The Prince Sakura Tower Tokyo. Patrons who request a straw will be offered paper straws. Prince Hotels will also proceed with the discontinuation of plastic straws at directly-managed restaurants at its ski resorts and golf courses throughout Japan.

One of the Group Declarations of the Seibu Group in its Group Vision, which is the group's corporate philosophy and the guidelines for action for each of its employees, is that it will "Walk Together." Based on its commitment to be "mindful of the natural and global environment" within that declaration, it strives to protect the environment for sustainable growth, and pursues a variety of initiatives to contribute to the realization of a circular economy.

As a core company in the Seibu Group, Prince Hotels has also actively pursued efforts that take advantage of the characteristics of its businesses and the locations of its establishments. For example, it is engaged in power generation using natural energies, makes use of the heat from hot springs, promotes a "No Cleaning Service" for guests staying for two or more nights, and conducts environmental protection initiatives in collaboration with local governments. As one of Japan's largest hotel chains, in addition to these activities, it will now address the reduction of plastic waste, starting with the discontinuation of plastic straws.

Amid growing environmental across the globe, the eyes of the world will be on Karuizawa Prince Hotel, which has been chosen as the venue for the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth to be held in June 2019. Prince Hotels will continue in its efforts to encourage each and every one of its employees to think about what they can do to protect to the environment and to put those ideas into action, so we can contribute to the protection of the global environment.