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Saitama City Mayor's Message

Hello everyone. I am SHIMIZU Hayato, the mayor of Saitama City.

The government has lifted the state of emergency for 39 prefectures across Japan yesterday, however, Saitama Prefecture is to be remained in emergency measures.

I ask you to maintain your efforts in carrying out measures against the spread of coronavirus.

The number of new infections in our city has remained zero for 5 days in a row. This is the result of your cooperation and support. I sincerely thank you, the residents and business owners.

I ask you to continue to maintain those efforts while we roll out our second phrase of emergency measures.

First, to prevent further infections and strengthen our medical system, we provide benefits to medical institutes who accepts infected patients and carry out emergency activities to strengthen infection measures.

In addition, the city pays 100,000 yen to each small business owner and sole proprietor, a temporary benefit of 30,000 yen to each single-parent family, and subsidies to be provided for small to midsized businesses' investment and etc.

In regards to the 100,000 yen special cash payment, online application has opened on May 2 and postal mail application forms will be sent out in late May. I ask you to be cautious against scams related to the cash handouts.

We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by the prolonged self-restraint, but it is also suggested that our city may be lifted from the emergency measures next week. Let's do our best to stay alert and maintain vigilance.