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Saitama City Mayor's Message

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

Yesterday, the government has lifted the state of emergency for Saitama prefecture and 3 other prefectures including the Tokyo. The number of deaths during this period is 9 in our city. I pray for the souls sincerely to those who have passed away and sympathies to those who are currently being treated.

The state of emergency was lifted after 49 days since its declaration on April 7. Residents and business owners have refrained from unnecessary outings and temporarily closed their businesses. I sincerely thank you for your cooperation. Through your effects, there has been only one new case of infection this week. Saitama prefecture has also lifted its request for non-essential outings.

I hope lifestyles will gradually return back to normal with families dining out, shopping, and sightseeing within the city and prefecture; however, the prefecture requests for any non-essential inter-prefectural travels and activities and outings at nighttime to remain in place. I ask for your patience.

The restricted use of municipal facilities has been eased and will be opened to the public with prevention measures. I ask for your cooperation.

Prevention measures to contain the coronavirus is curial to return to social economic activities and we all need to learn to live with this new lifestyle. I ask you each and one of you to remain alert and be vigilant.