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Purpose of Formulating a New Tokyo Agriculture Promotion Plan

In line with the Tokyo Agriculture Promotion Plan “A New Step for Agriculture in Tokyo as an Industry Closely Associated with Citizens’ Daily Life” formulated in March 2012, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has implemented various measures to promote agriculture in Tokyo as an industry attractive to both the citizens and farmers.

The environment surrounding agriculture in Tokyo has remained severe due to factors such as the shortage of farmers resulting from the aging of existing farmers, reduced farmland from inheritance, the increased importance of agricultural products, and surges in the prices of agricultural production materials, etc. However, there are also positive factors for agriculture in Tokyo such as efforts to improve the competitiveness of domestic agriculture in response to advanced internationalization, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics (hereafter “Tokyo 2020”), and the enactment of the Basic Act on the Promotion of Urban Agriculture in April 2015.

The previous plan was formulated five years ago, and, given the changes in social circumstances, we decided to formulate a new Tokyo Agriculture Promotion Plan (hereafter “the Plan”) in response to the need for future-oriented agricultural promotion measures and improving the national system for preserving farmland.

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Positioning the Plan

- The Plan outlines the direction of Tokyo agricultural promotion and the future development and implementation of measures based on the report submitted by the Council on Promotion of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery in Tokyo in August 2016: A New Step for Agriculture that Coexists with the Urban Society and Contributes to Citizens’ Lifestyle.
- The Plan serves as a guideline for farmers, agrarian organizations, and local governments that can be utilized for agricultural promotion and community revitalization, and encourages citizens to actively take part in and cooperate with agriculture in Tokyo.
- The Plan doubles as a regional plan^(Note) of Tokyo in the Basic Act on the Promotion of Urban Agriculture.

(Note) Regional plan: Article 10 of the Basic Act stipulates that local governments must endeavor to implement a plan for promoting urban agriculture in their municipalities in line with a basic plan. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government positions the Plan as a regional plan.

- The Plan covers about ten years from 2017, and will be revised as necessary depending on changes in the socio-economic situation and extent of implementation of the measures.