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"塑战速决": 日本政府向塑料污染"宣战"

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e.g. He has a love affair with hamburgers.
将朗普十分爱吃快餐

e.g. someone has a love affair.
某人出轨了.
Someone is involved in a love affair.

Not so fantastic: can Japan end its love affair with plastic?

a. 极好的, 棒的

挚爱, 热爱, 风流韵事 e.g. 出轨

两个日本塑料制品的例子

From **bento** boxes to **individually wrapped** bananas, plastic **reigns supreme** in Japan. But **amid** global concern about **single-use** waste, new **legislation** could help end the country's love affair with plastic.

individual (n. adj.) e.g. She wrapped the present and tied it with ribbon. 她把礼物包起来
n. 便当盒饭 / smid / adv. 分别地, 单独地 v. 用纸布或其他材料包裹 n. 主宰, 盛行
a. 极大的, 至高的, 至高无上的 prep. 在...当中 among a. 一次性的 n. 废料, 垃圾
n. 法律立法 e.g. Queen Victoria reigned over Britain. 维多利亚女王统治英国

e.g. Love reigned supreme in her heart.
她的心完全被爱情占据了.

新立法出台时间 The push comes ahead of the G20 summit, which Japan will host in Osaka in June. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government wants to use the meeting to push for an agreement on reducing marine plastic waste.

v. 主办, 主持
大阪
努力争取 sth. 海洋塑料垃圾

去根据之前的记录,
原本想达成目标
并不容易

But the country's own record on single-use plastic is hardly **exemplary**. Japan generates more plastic packaging waste **per capita** than any other country except the United States, according to the UN.

exemplar n. 典范, 范例
/ ɪɡˈzempləri /
a. 优异的; (可作) 楷模的
生产 把...打包 人均(地) 联合国

日本政府每年公开

e.g. The per capita income in the country is very high. 这个国家的人均收入水平很高.
e.g. Your paper is exemplary. 你的论文写的非常
好, 为了学弟学妹的
表率.
In 2018, Japan's government **unveiled** a proposal to start **tackling** the issue, with the goal of reducing the country's 9.4 million tonnes of plastic

/ ʌnˈveɪl / 提案 deal with
v. (缺) 公开, 将...公开 应付, 解决

e.g. unveil a test version
某个游戏公布了测试版



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waste a year by 25 percent by 2030. A key part of the proposal is to require

businesses to charge for plastic bags—a measure that has already been widely adopted around the world.

企业公司 向消费者收费 措施
采用

承担: take up/on the mantle
接过责任

长马国

With the national government moving slowly, local governments and

businesses in Japan have in some cases taken up the mantle themselves.

在某些情况下 n. (前任留给继任者的) 责任, 棒钵
The town of Kamikatsu near Kyoto has set a goal of zero plastic waste by

2020, while Kyoto city has long required large retailers to charge for plastic

bags. 京都 adv. "长时间的 for a long time" n. 零售商, 零售店 a fashion retailer 时装零售店

eg. He was asked to take on the mantle of managing director. 他被要求接过董事总经理的责任

有人对日本提出了更高的要求

Greenpeace and other environmental NGOs want Japan to commit to the bolder goal of reducing plastic waste by 50 percent by 2030 and more

近 brave => /boʊld/ a. 勇敢的, 无畏的

concrete measures including bans on single-use plastics.

/ˈkɑːnkriːt/ a. 具体的, 实在的
n. 混凝土, 水泥

eg. concrete evidence
确凿的证据

搭: commit to / commit oneself to doing sth.

eg. commit to a conversation
投入一场交流

Students must commit themselves to learning. 学生要把精力投入学习

“绿色和平”呼吁
一位推广者
的话被大
家对日本的
期望

"The Japanese government needs more ambitious goals if they truly want to lead the G20 summit," said Kenji Ishihara, a campaigner with

Greenpeace Japan.

/kæmˈpeɪnər/ n. 活动家, 活动组织者.

Campaign n. 政治或商业上的推广活动

