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Collaborative Initiative Receives Silver Award in the “Collect” Category of the Ministry of the Environment’s “Plasma Award 2026”

Contributes Manufacturing Expertise as Co-Creation Partner in Yamaha Motor’s Microplastic Collector Development Project

NHK SPRING Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Yokohama; President & COO: Kazuhisa Uemura) has endorsed a proposal by Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. and, through co-creation initiatives with the company, is currently engaged in the development of a “Microplastic Collector.” The device is designed to collect microplastics from sandy beaches in an enjoyable manner. On February 6, 2026, this initiative was awarded the Silver Prize in the “Collect” category of the Ministry of the Environment’s “Plasma Award 2026,” an award program established to promote solutions to the issue of marine plastic waste.

This initiative represents a case of equipment development specifically focused on the collection of microplastics, which are generally regarded as difficult to retrieve. It was particularly recognized for its novelty and its potential for future impact, which led to the receipt of the award. NHK SPRING remains committed to advancing this initiative and other activities that contribute to resolving social and environmental challenges.



Scene from the Plasma Award 2026 Award Ceremony
(From left, on the right side of the photograph: Mr. Ariyoshi, NHK SPRING;
Mr. Usui, Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.; Mr. Hashiramoto, Kanagawa Coastal Foundation)

About the Plasma Award 2026



The Ministry of the Environment is promoting the "Plastic Smart" initiative nationwide to address the issue of marine plastic waste. This initiative aims to foster a correct understanding of the actual state of pollution and to encourage a "smart relationship with plastics."

Under the Plasma Award 2026, outstanding initiatives undertaken by companies, local governments, and organizations across Japan in support of the "Plastic Smart" initiative were recognized in the categories of "Collect," "Separate & Return," "Disseminate," "Create," and "Use & Reduce."

Source: Ministry of the Environment of Japan website
https://plastics-smart.env.go.jp/award_26/

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