

## Sabae at the United Nations



Former Sabae Mayor Makino giving a speech at the UN NY Headquarters

Sabae was present at both **Forums For Implementation of the SDGs** held at the United Nations NY Headquarters in 2018 & 2019. Former Sabae Mayor Hyakuo Makino donned SDGs themed Glocal eyeglasses during his speech on the city's implementation of the SDGs.

Ambassador Chowdhury acted as Chairman of both forums.



## 'SDGs Future City'

In 2018, Sabae received double awards as an 'SDGs Future City' & a 'Municipal SDGs Role Model' for linking the economy, society, and the environment while supporting women throughout the community.



Former Mayor Makino receiving the two awards from Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



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Resource Center for Implementation of the SDGs in SABAE

The Resource Center for Implementation of the SDGs in SABAE opened its doors in September 2020. The center is a place for all people - individuals, businesses, government, educational facilities, and NPOs, to come together with the mutual goal of furthering the SDGs.



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# The City of Sabae

A small city's big efforts towards the completion of the SDGs



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Sabae Japan Eyeglasses

**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

## Sabae - A Brief Introduction

Located in Japan's Fukui Prefecture, Sabae is a small city with a population of less than 70,000. It is highly renowned for being a city with strong local industries; known as the 'eyeglasses city', Sabae boasts 95% of glasses frames produced in Japan. Sabae has been involved with the SDGs since their induction in 2015; Sabae participated in the UN's One Woman Campaign in 2015 and established the Sustainable Development Regional Model Division within its city hall in 2016.

## Sabae's Glocal Emblem



### Sustainable Development Goals

Sabae fused its signature eyeglasses with the SDGs mark to make the **Glocal Emblem**. The 17 colors of the SDGs have been placed into two round glasses frames with SDGs goal 5, gender equality, being the bridge between all of the goals, signifying that without gender equality the SDGs cannot be completed. The Glocal Emblem has become synonymous with the city of Sabae; its eye-catching design and strong message has been well received both within Japan and internationally.



## Ambassador Chowdhury's visit to Sabae

United Nations Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, known for his work in championing the rights of women and children, visited Sabae from December 5th to 7th 2019. During his time in Sabae, Ambassador Chowdhury visited local schools, businesses, and Sabae City Hall to give speeches and engage with the citizens. At this time he also called for the city to create a place to share the SDGs, which would later become the Resource Center for Implementation of the SDGs in SABAE.



Ambassador Chowdhury observing Sabae's MEIKU project which focuses on promoting eye health in young children.



A speech about the SDGs being for everyone was given by Ambassador Chowdhury at Chuo Middle School.

## Sabae SDGs Symposium & The Sabae Declaration

Ambassador Chowdhury giving a speech praising the city for its efforts towards SDGs goal 5.



The Sabae SDGs Symposium was held on December 7th 2019 where local businesses and schools spoke of their actions towards the SDGs. The symposium ended with participants coming together to announce the Sabae Declaration.

### The Sabae Declaration

*"In order to make our city, Sabae, a city that we wish to live in 50 years, 100 years from now, we aim to forge a positive cycle amongst the economy, society, and the environment following the principals of the 17 sustainable development goals under the foundation of striving for gender equality and women's empowerment, by creating partnerships with various stakeholders to grow as a society and move towards the future. We will all be active as we think globally and act locally to realize a sustainable community."*