## Initiatives for sustainable pearl cultivation in Japan



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Natural pearls are a gift from nature. On the other hand, cultured pearls are a symbol of humanity and nature. Skilful pearl smiths and rich nature are needed to cultivate beautiful pearls. Traditionally, farmers in Japan strived to maintain the beauty of the sea and the circulation of nutrients between the sea and the land. But these activities were not much revealed. This would be the best time to introduce such activities. And also, the new initiative, PEARL COMPOST is conducted these years in Mie prefecture, the birthplace of the cultured pearl industry. This time, the status quo of the Akoya pearl industry and initiatives for sustainable pearl cultivation in Japan will be introduced.

