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Happy New Year! I'm Mr. Omori, Mayor of Okayama.

I believe you welcomed the new year filled with hopes.

From 2016 to 2018, the oriental zodiacs for each year are the Monkey, the Rooster and the Dog. The attendants of "Momotaro" are lined up in three years in a row. (Momotaro is the famous tale of Okayama Prefecture).

Last year, the first year of this Momotaro series, was energetic and we got off to a good start. It was filled with many events such as the Inter-High School Championships in summer, a large modern art exhibition-Okayama Art Summit in autumn, the Spring Destination Campaign and Okayama Fagiano FC's great leap.

And then, 2017 is the year of the Rooster, which is said to be fruitful one. The Rooster is thought to have gone between the Monkey and the Dog. Thus the year of the Rooster is as important as we could say "No Rooster, No Momotaro".

At the same time, this is the final year of my term of office. I would like to exert all of my effort to address a bunch of tasks one by one to generate the best outcome for the citizens.

I wish you all health and happiness throughout this year and I look forward to your continuous support and cooperation for City of Okayama.