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

I believe you have welcomed a new year filled with hope and joy.

The oriental zodiacs from 2016 to 2018 are the Monkey, the Rooster and the Dog. These animals are the attendants of 'Momotaro'. (Momotaro is the famous tale representing Okayama)

I think both the Monkey and Rooster did a great job for Okayama City last year and the year before that, since there was no big disaster and the economy keeps growing steadily such as the rise in tourism and convention sectors.

And finally this year, it is the Dog that kicks in. I expect the Dog to take an active role, and would like to make this year full of dynamism, where we head off towards Okayama's bright future.

Also, for myself, this year is the actual start of my second term. To show many outcomes to citizens, I would like to advance piled-up tasks one by one, with sincerity and activeness.

I sincerely wish each one of you health and happiness throughout the year. Your continued encouragement and support would be greatly appreciated.