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Happy New Year 2020

New Year is celebrated to mark the new beginnings. It's an opportunity to fill your blank canvas with colours of hardwork and success.

A glimpse of New Year Celebrations in NYC:



Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop: The iconic ball -- a 12-foot glittering sphere weighing 11,875 pounds -- is dropped each year at the turn of midnight that is accompanied by celebrity music acts, light shows, tons of confetti dropped over you.

Team UConn Net Impact wishes everyone a happy new Year 2020!

The Plastic Kick Back!



We live in a plastic world, and have done for decades. This light-weight, waterproof, durable, cheap material is in our electronics, cars, aero planes, clothes and every type of packaging imaginable. It is so cheap that we throw it away without a thought. As a result, plastic and micro plastics are pouring into the world's water systems, buried in our soils, lying on the ocean floor, infiltrating once pristine ecosystems. They're much closer to home too. Right now, there are micro plastics in your internal organs, in the food you just ate and the air you're breathing.

References:

<https://thefuturescentre.org/fos2019/#the-plastics-kickback-2>

IOC confident Tokyo 2020 will achieve carbon-neutral aim



The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is confident Tokyo 2020 can achieve its aim of staging a "carbon-neutral" Olympic and Paralympic Games, according to President Thomas Bach. In his New Year's message, Bach claimed this year's event in the Japanese capital will be the "most prominent expression" of the IOC's "commitment to sustainability". The IOC President said he believed Tokyo 2020 would be "an inspiration for sustainable development". Tokyo 2020 Olympic medals have been manufactured using the precious metal extracted from mobile phones and other small electronic devices donated by the public.

Read the full Article here:

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/index.php/articles/1088713/ioc-confident-in-tokyo-2020-carbon-claim>

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