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外国語試験（聞き取り）

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The world creates about 52 million metric tons of plastic pollution every year, a new study says. More than two-thirds of that plastic comes from the Global South – a term that loosely describes developing countries. The amount of pollution is enough to fill New York City’s Central Park with plastic waste as high as the Empire State Building, researchers at the University of Leeds in Britain say.

They examined waste produced on the local level at more than 50,000 cities and towns across the world for a study released recently in the publication Nature. The study examined plastic that goes into the open environment. It did not examine plastic that goes into landfills or is properly burned. For 15 percent of the world’s population, the government fails to collect and dispose of waste, the study said.

This lack of collection and disposal is a big reason Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa produce the most plastic waste. Lagos, Nigeria, released the most plastic pollution of any city, said Costas Velis, the study’s lead writer. The other biggest plastic-polluting cities are New Delhi in India, Luanda in Angola, Karachi in Pakistan, and Cairo in Egypt.

India leads the world in producing plastic pollution, with more than 9.3 million metric tons a year. That number is far more than double the next big-polluting nations, Nigeria and Indonesia. China, often criticized for pollution, is in fourth place but is making big improvements in reducing waste, Velis said. Other top plastic polluters are Pakistan, Bangladesh, Russia and Brazil. The top eight nations are responsible for more than half of the world’s plastic pollution, the study’s data suggests.

#### QUESTIONS

1. How much plastic waste is generated each year in the world?
2. Where does more than two-thirds of the world’s plastic pollution come from?
3. Which location in New York City could be filled up with plastic pollution to the height of the Empire State Building?
4. How many cities and towns across the world did the researchers examine?
5. What was not examined by the researchers for their study?
6. What does the study say that the government is failing to do for 15% of the world’s population?
7. Which city released the most plastic pollution in the world?
8. Which country has produced the most plastic pollution in the world?
9. Which country is said to be making great improvements in reducing waste?
10. How much of the world’s plastic pollution are the top eight nations responsible for?

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