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Tsukuba Technology Research Institute Promoted to Excellent Stage 3 in SEGES Sodateru Midori (Nurturing Greenery) Category

Sustainable Green Space Management Utilizing Native Regional Plants Receives High Praise

The Tsukuba Technology Research Institute (Location: Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture) of Toda Corporation (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President: Otani Seisuke) has been upgraded one rank from its previous "Excellent Stage 2" to "Excellent Stage 3" certification in the renewal evaluation of the SEGES*2 Sodateru Midori (Nurturing Greenery) category operated by the Organization for Landscape and Urban Green Infrastructure*1. This promotion recognizes the sustainable management of corporate-owned green spaces, with high praise given to the Tsukuba Technology Research Institute's long-standing efforts to enhance the value of green spaces through biodiversity conservation and the use of native regional plants.







(1) Courtyard lawn

(2) Biotope

(3) Green walls

Photo 1: Diverse green spaces inside Tsukuba Technology Research Institute

At the Tsukuba Technology Research Institute, various green spaces including a copse, a courtyard lawn, a biotope, and a green wall have been developed on the premises, and management practices that consider biodiversity and regional ecosystems are being implemented. The effectiveness of these green spaces is scientifically "visualized" through regular monitoring of birds, insects, plants, and water quality, etc., and the results are disseminated through environmental education programs and community events. These initiatives have been highly evaluated as activities contributing to society through green spaces. In addition, the Institute's long-standing commitment to green technology research and contribution to the local community have been recognized, leading to this promotion. The Tsukuba Technology Research Institute was also selected as a Nationally Certified Sustainably Managed Natural Site in October 2023 as part of the 30by30*3 initiative promoted by the Ministry of the Environment.

Future Developments

In recent years, corporate interest in natural capital and ecosystem conservation has grown, with proposals such as those from the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)*4 calling for business management that emphasizes coexistence with nature. The Tsukuba Technology Research Institute will continue to advance green technology and environmental management that aim to achieve both "nature positive" and "carbon neutral" goals, leveraging its research and demonstration fields.

Going forward, we will continue monitoring plants and wildlife, apply the knowledge gained to construction and urban greening plans and customer problem-solving, and contribute to building a sustainable society through greenery.

- *1 Organization for Landscape and Urban Green Infrastructure: https://urbangreen.or.jp/
- *2 Social and Environmental Green Evaluation System (SEGES): https://seges.jp/e/index.html
- *3 Ministry of the Environment 30by30: https://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/OECM.html
- *4 Toda Corporation's participation in the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Forum: https://www.toda.co.jp/news/2024/20240318 003329.html

The Company will optimize its management resources to promote revenue growth and improve capital efficiency, aiming to enhance corporate value while achieving its medium- to long-term target of 10% ROE.

