



Sango Tree-Planting Report



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2019 Segment of the “Forest of Life 2020” Project” Ends

In 2015, the decision was made to hold the Olympics/Paralympics in Tokyo. At the time, Sango’s tree-planting mentor, Professor Akira Miyawaki enthusiastically remarked, “I hope that we can show the world the Japanese tree planting culture.” He has firmly held on to this thought throughout his convalescence from illness that struck him soon after the announcement. Sango members got together to create a tangible result from his thoughts and formed the “Friends of the Forest of Life 2020”. Sango serves as the office for this organization and to realize Professor Miyawaki’s dream, this group is working to interest other companies nationwide in tree-planting and pooling our efforts to this end. Sango decided to hold Forest of Life 2020 tree-planting events at all 18 Sango facilities. The kick-off event for this project was held at Sango’s Toyota Technical Center in April of 2019 and currently, each plant / Sango Group site is carrying out tree-planting events. Many employees in Japan and overseas lent a helping hand for the 2019 tree-planting activities.



Professor Akira Miyawaki
Professor Emeritus of
Yokohama National University

Yawatayama



GSC



STI



Sango Hokkaido



XSC



Toyohashi



Number of trees planted in 2019: 21,214



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ECO 35

Forest Maintenance: Thinning

Thirteen years have passed since the ECO 35 woods were planted and it has become a highly-valued green space within its urban location. However, upon further inspection of the woods, we saw that tree trunks were thin and perhaps due to darkness from heavy foliage, there was little undergrowth. The structure of the woods was such that leaves were concentrated in the upper levels of the trees while there was poor growth in the lower levels, so it was not the best condition for bio-diversity. Thus, in order to encourage thicker tree trunks and bring light into the woods, new employees did some thinning of the trees. The cut trees were removed and used as small retainer walls to hold back earth and leaves, so the thinning served a dual purpose. With branches made into wood chips and spread out on paths around the biotope, the thinning was now serving a third purpose. We hope this will make it an even better woods!



▲Cut trees are carried out



▲Branches are cut up



▲Cut branches used as retainer walls for earth and leaves



▲Cut wood used as wood chips



▲Brighter woods

Don't burn or throw it out, use it. That's ECO! Ribbit!



Introducing an Office Member

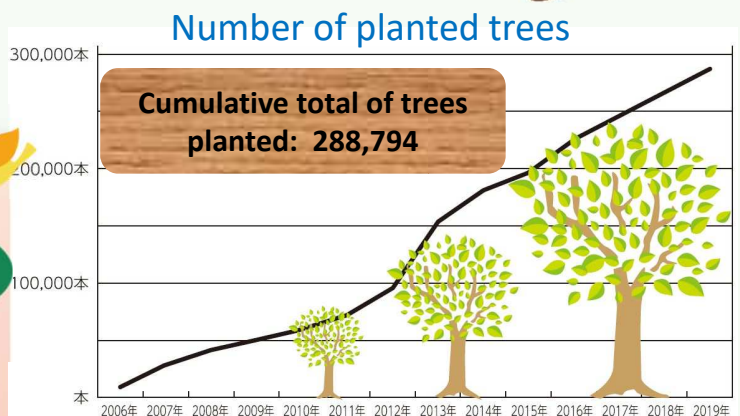
Yawatayama Plant
Yoshimitsu Toriyama

I am working hard to achieve peaceful coexistence between the manufacturing plant and nature!



Toriyama-san
planting
Rabbit-ear Iris

At all times, Toriyama-san is devoted to being well-prepared. Although serious about his work, he likes to make jokes and he is a general manager well-liked by all. He is a key person in the effort to achieve coexistence with nature at the Yawatayama Plant. With the creation of a biotope at Yawatayama as well, Toriyama-san is very busy!



Forests perform the same cleansing and sound muffling functions that Sango products do. Sango employees plant the tree saplings themselves, leaving beautiful greenery and a beautiful earth for the future. Let's meet that goal of 350,000 trees!