



# Sango Tree Planting Report



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## STEM holds its 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Planting 4,286 trees



The first tree planting event to be held since the establishment of STEM was held on Sep. 19, although this is already the 9<sup>th</sup> tree planting held in Thailand. STEM also had a tree planting in a mangrove and if this is included, in fact, more than 55,000 trees were planted. Trees already planted some years ago in the plant periphery have grown into a magnificent wooded area. There is even a tree in these woods now considered a sacred tree of god.

On the day of the event, the tree planting took place under the guidance of Professor Anon Chanamorn as we learned once again about the Miyawaki method for tree planting.

Special measures were taken to prevent spread of the novel Coronavirus, such as laying out the planting site so that people worked at every other block.



### ~Breathing Life into the Biotope~

On the same day, to breathe life into the just completed biotope, fish were released into the pond.



The bird we chose as a performance indicator (KPI) has arrived!

### Introducing an Organizing Office member

I will carefully continue the legacy of Sango's coexistence with nature.

STEM Kenji Sakai

This is Sakai-san's 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Thailand. He took over the responsibility for the woodlands and biotope in July, and although he felt hesitant about some of his duties, he did an outstanding job as the organizer for the September tree planting. Sakai-san is a dedicated father of 3 children.



This is an Asian Golden Weaver Bird. Its main source of food is rice, making its nest among waterside plants.

We set the arrival of this bird as one KPI (key performance index) for the biotope and it began coming several weeks after the completion of the biotope. It appears to be eating the rice that was planted.





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## How do we continue planting trees during the Coronavirus calamity?

Tree planting events as an activity have changed due to the impact of the novel Coronavirus. This year, Sango issued the "Tree Planting Event Guidelines" and tree planting events in accordance with these guidelines were held at the Head Office, Yawatayama, Miyoshi, and Toyohashi plants. Some of the new methods are introduced here.



Avoid congestion (crowds)  
Thinning of lower height trees at the woodlands already matured at ECO 35. As the trees were planted sparsely and randomly, it was easy to avoid crowding.



Wear masks and face shields  
Yawatayama Plant's opening ceremony was held while maintaining social distance. The emcee and speakers at the ceremony wore masks with face shields over the masks.



No participation by people with allergies  
Miyoshi Plant asked for volunteers without allergies to lay the straw for the tree planting. With fewer people, it took longer, but this measure was taken to ensure that people who had a fever due to allergies were not mistaken for infection by the Coronavirus.

\*Please see the Tree Planting Event Guidelines for details of the Coronavirus measures.

## GSC Tree Planting at a Park



2,020 trees



GSC planted trees at a park in the Nansha District of Guangzhou City. Just in the year 2020, 2020 trees were planted by 51 people. Representatives of the local government also participated and offered words of praise for the social contributions of GSC. We are always humbled by the strong actions we see GSC taking. This is another step forward in our efforts to spread woodlands under the Miyawaki method.



Current cumulative tree planting count: 299,284 trees  
Let's meet our target of 350,000 trees !