

Sanden Forest certified as a "Site for Symbiosis with Nature" by the Ministry of the Environment

Sanden Forest, operated in Gunma Prefecture by Sanden Corporation (headquartered in Isesaki City, Gunma Prefecture; President and CEO: Zhu Dan; hereafter "Sanden"), has been officially certified as a nature symbiosis site by the Ministry of the Environment under the fiscal 2023 Nature Symbiosis Site Certification Project (first phase).

The "nature-symbiosis site" is an area that the government certifies as "an area where biodiversity conservation is being promoted through private-sector efforts, etc." The certified area is also registered in the international database as an "OECM (Other effective area-based conservation measures)". The certified areas will also be registered in the international database as "OECM (Other effective area-based conservation measures)". The 122 sites certified as "nature symbiosis sites" are the first in Japan to be registered as certified.

Sanden Forest was established in 2002 at the southern foot of Mt. Sanden. Sanden Forest is a "factory in the forest," based on the concept of "the coexistence of the environment and industry without contradiction." The plant was the first of its kind in the private sector at the time, and was built on a large scale using the "near-natural construction method," which restores the natural ecosystem, and half of the land, which had been degraded forest and farmland, was turned into forest and green space, and half into a factory.

The factory site was divided into four building lots in a stair-step pattern on the sloping land, and designed so that the lots are connected by greenery so as not to hinder the movement of living organisms. Prior to the development of the site, an environmental assessment, which was not yet mandatory at the time, was voluntarily conducted, and regular monitoring has continued every three years since the site was developed.



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Kinran Forest

Since the beginning in 2002, we began accepting students for out-of-school learning as a place for environmental education, and now nearly 9,000 people use our facilities annually. In addition, we have continued to accept long-term social experience trainees from the Gunma Prefectural Board of Education, and have created programs while reflecting the voices of teachers in the educational field.

In 2014, we received certification as a "Place of Opportunity for Experience" from the Ministry of the Environment based on the Environmental Education Promotion Act, and we continue to create fields that can be used by a wide range of outside visitors.

In April 2014, Sanden established the "Biodiversity Policy" to further promote activities for biodiversity. Sanden has also joined the "30 by 30 Alliance for Biodiversity" established by the Ministry of the Environment and other organizations to achieve the goal of conserving and protecting at least 30% of Japan's terrestrial and marine areas by 2030 (30 by 30) based on the "G7 2030 Nature Compact" agreed at the G7 Summit in June 2021. In April 2022, we joined the "30 by 30 Alliance for Biodiversity" established by the Ministry of the Environment and other organizations to achieve the goal of conserving and protecting at least 30% of Japan's terrestrial and marine areas by 2030 (30 by 30).



We will continue to promote the protection of native species and rare plants in our business sites and surrounding areas, work to preserve green spaces where many living creatures can live, and preserve biodiversity through various environmental activities. We will also recognize the impact of our business activities on the ecosystem and develop activities aimed at "the consistent coexistence of the environment and industry," aiming to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

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