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Sanden Corporation

Sanden Strengthens Sustainability Initiatives

Recognized as a Nature Symbiosis Site and Joins the Gunma Nature Positive Promotion Platform

SANDEN Corporation (Head Office: Isesaki City, Gunma Prefecture; hereinafter “SANDEN”) announces that its facility, SANDEN Forest (located in Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture), was certified in September 2025 as a “Nature Symbiosis Site” under a new legal framework established by Japan’s Ministry of the Environment. This designation recognizes areas where biodiversity is actively protected. In addition, SANDEN joined the “Gunma Nature Positive Promotion Platform” in June 2025 to further strengthen its environmental efforts.



Scenes from the Award Ceremony



● What is a Nature Symbiosis Site (OECM)?

This certification system was introduced in April 2025 under the Regional Biodiversity Enhancement Act, allowing ministries such as the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to officially recognize biodiversity enhancement plans developed and implemented by companies and organizations.

SANDEN Forest had already been recognized as a Nature Symbiosis Site since 2023, prior to the legal enactment, and was re-evaluated under the new framework.

Key factors contributing to the high evaluation:

Scientific credibility of biodiversity value:

Rich presence of native species and conservation efforts based on scientific surveys.

Management structure and implementation:

Clear corporate policies and sustained activities.

● About SANDEN Forest

SANDEN Forest encompasses approximately 64 hectares of forest and factory land at the southern foot of Mt. Akagi. For over 20 years, it has promoted biodiversity conservation, environmental education, and ecological landscaping using near-natural construction methods.

To date, around 800 native species have been identified on the site, including endangered species such as Kinran (*Cephalanthera falcata*) and apex species of the satoyama ecosystem such as owls.



● Joining the Gunma Nature Positive Promotion Platform

In June 2025, SANDEN joined the “Gunma Nature Positive Promotion Platform,” established by Gunma Prefecture to support collaboration among local companies, organizations, and municipalities. The platform aims to halt biodiversity loss and put nature on a path to recovery by 2030, in line with the global “Nature Positive” movement.

Gunma Prefecture supports companies in integrating natural capital into their business strategies, offering seminars, partnership opportunities, and sharing case studies and technical information.

Through participation in this platform, SANDEN will actively share its nature symbiosis initiatives with the broader community and seek new collaborations with other stakeholders. The company remains committed to contributing to a sustainable society by harmonizing with local ecosystems and linking environmental value to corporate growth.



[Reference Links]

- SANDEN Forest: <https://www.sandenforest.com>
- Ministry of the Environment – Nature Symbiosis Site “30 by 30” Initiative: <https://policies.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/30by30alliance/>
- Gunma Nature Positive Promotion Platform: <https://www.pref.gunma.jp/site/naturepositive/>

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