

PRESS RELEASE

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Haseko Technical Center Registered in International Database as Japan's First OECM*¹ - Contributing to the Realization of a Sustainable Society Through Biodiversity Conservation -

Tokyo, Japan, September 6, 2024--The Haseko Group (parent company: HASEKO Corporation; head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Kazuo Ikegami) is pleased to announce that the Haseko Technical Center, a hub for research, technological development, training, and information dissemination, is one of the first 159 sites in Japan registered as an Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM) in the international database managed by the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC).



To achieve the 30by30*² goal, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) certifies areas where biodiversity is being conserved as Natural Symbiosis Sites*³ and registers them in the international database as OECM to promote biodiversity conservation activities by the private sector, including companies. HASEKO Corporation joined the 30by30 Alliance for Biodiversity (Secretariat: MOE), a voluntary coalition working to achieve the 30by30 goal, in November 2022 and has further promoted biodiversity conservation initiatives to contribute to achieving the goal. The Haseko Technical Center was designated as a Natural Symbiosis Site in October 2023.

Going forward, as a corporate group for housing to create great living, the Haseko Group will continue to work to solve problems through its business to create a more comfortable and sustainable global environment, as well as contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

- *1 Of the 184 sites (84,000 ha) certified as Natural Symbiosis Sites in 2023, 159 sites (48,000 ha) are the first from Japan registered in the international database.
- *2 30by30: An international goal to effectively conserve at least 30% of land and sea areas as healthy ecosystems by 2030. In the 30by30 Roadmap published by the government, the main measures are to expand protected areas such as national parks and to set up OECMs.
- *3 Natural Symbiosis Site: An area certified by the MOE where biodiversity conservation is being promoted through private sector initiatives. Certification promotes the maintenance of the value and improvement of the quality of biodiversity of the site and is expected to contribute to the achievement of the 30by30 goal in Japan.

References

- MOE press release: Registration of Japan's first OECMs on the World Database on OECMs (WD-OECM)
https://www.env.go.jp/press/press_03264.html (in Japanese)
- MOE Natural Symbiosis Sites

<https://policies.env.go.jp/nature/biodiversity/30by30alliance/kyousei/> (in Japanese)

■ OECM International Database website
<https://www.protectedplanet.net/country/JPN>

■ Initiatives at the Haseko Technical Center

Four facilities are located on a 17,662 m² site, with approximately 8,000 m² of green space (approximately 45% of the site area) on the ground, building walls, and rooftop areas. In addition, a biotope has been established in the center of the site, and Amur minnow and Japanese rice fish collected from a nearby creek have been released into the pond. Since its complete in March 2018, many living creatures have been found, contributing to the maintenance of biodiversity. In addition, events for local residents are also held at the center, promoting and raising awareness of biodiversity.



Haseko Technical Center Full View



Green Wall of Multi-Purpose Laboratory building



Pond in Biotope



During an Event

■ The Haseko Group's initiatives

The company is engaged in a variety of corporate activities that take biodiversity into consideration, aiming for a more comfortable and sustainable global environment. Please see to the following website for specific initiatives.

CSR Initiatives: Protecting the precious environment
<https://www.haseko.co.jp/hc/english/csr/environment/>

Building condominiums that take biodiversity into consideration
<https://www.haseko.co.jp/hc/csr/biodiversity/> (in Japanese)

<Main initiatives>

2014	Received first ABINC certification for a property designed and constructed by the company
2020	Started Haseko no Mori project
	Established of Haseko Group

	Basic Environmental Policy
2022	Participated in 30by30 Alliance for Biodiversity
2023	Haseko Technical Center certified as a Natural Symbiosis Site
2024	Haseko Technical Center registered as OECM in international database

■ Haseko Technical Center

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