

# **Metropolitan Expressway Company Limited**



# 1. Company Profile

- Metropolitan Expressway is an extensive network of expressways connecting Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba prefectures.
- We aim to connect people, cities, and life in the Tokyo metropolitan area through a safe and smooth Metropolitan Expressway network, contributing to the creation of a prosperous and comfortable society.

# 2. Initiatives toward a nature-positive future

To promote biodiversity conservation that leads to a richer quality of life for the next generation, we are undertaking initiatives aimed at living in harmony with nature.

# Minuma Tanbo Shutoko Biotoge SAITAMA TOKYO CHIBA SHIBUYA GINZA Chashi Sato no Mori

## ~Ohashi Sato no Mori~

• A nature restoration green space of approximately 900  $\mbox{m}^{\mathring{}}$ , created on the rooftop of the tunnel ventilation tower inside the Ohashi Junction, modeled after the original landscape of the Meguro River area.

### Biodiversity

Continuous monitoring was carried out, and in fiscal year 2024, 461 species of plants and animals were observed.



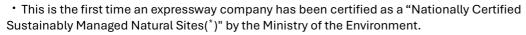
▲Northern goshawk

### Living in Harmony with the Community

Rice cultivation experiences with nearby elementary schools and several public open days for local residents are held each year.



▲Rice cultivation experiences



(\*) : It's a system where the government certifies areas where private companies are conserving biodiversity, and these areas are also registered in an international database as OECMs.



▲Ohashi Sato no Mori



▲Aerial photograph

# ~Minuma Tanbo Shutoko Biotope

In the Minuma Tanbo area of Saitama, a 1.7km long, 6.3 ha biotope has been created beneath the expressway to help restore the ecosystem of this rare and valuable green space remaining near the capital.

▲Minuma Tanbo Shutoko Biotope

### Biodiversit<sup>o</sup>

To bring back the Neozephyrus japonicus, we are carrying out a project to plant alder trees, which serve as food for the larvae.

The first adult butterflies were confirmed in 2023.

Neozephyrus japonicus 🕨

Provided by
Ecosystem Conservation Society - Saitama



### Living in Harmony with the Communit

Nature observation events and field training sessions were conducted with local students. Maintenance and management are carried out in collaboration with local residents.

Nature observation event ▶















