

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government

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## **Submission of request regarding the conservation of trees in the redevelopment project of the Jingu Gaien District**

In promoting the redevelopment project of the Jingu Gaien District, it is extremely important to gain the understanding and empathy of many Tokyo residents. In light of this, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, in a letter dated May 26, 2022, requested that all business operators involved in the project make efforts to treat every existing tree with care, and conserve the quality of the rich natural environment of the Jingu Gaien, by preserving or transplanting them as much as possible through better designs and other measures.

In response to this request, we received a letter from you, dated August 18, 2022, saying, “In discussing specific development plans, the project designers/construction companies, arborists, and the organizations involved in the project will work together to ensure that the environmental protection and conservation of trees are properly taken into account.”

In addition, based on the deliberations of the Environmental Impact Assessment Council, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, released on January 20, 2023, states that “With regard to the detailed configuration of the rugby field, we will request the project designer of the new rugby field to continue considering such design that will pay heed to the conservation of existing trees. Therefore, we will consider, once again, either preserving or transplanting existing trees through efforts, on both aspects of the design and execution of works, in the future.”

After obtaining the official approval for the implementation of the Type-1 Urban Redevelopment Project, on February 17, 2023, you have begun dismantling the Jingu Secondary Stadium, in preparation for the construction of the new rugby stadium. At the same time, you are moving forward with the application process for permission from the Shinjuku City government to cut down those trees that would hinder the demolition work, in accordance with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government’s ordinance regarding the area of scenic beauty. And you are scheduled to start cutting down these trees this month or later.

On the other hand, we have yet to be given the results of your discussion on the preservation of existing trees, etc., as presented by you in the aforementioned Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Given this, we ask you to provide us with a specific review regarding the preservation of trees as a result of the considerations requested by the Environmental Impact Assessment Report before you start cutting down existing trees on the new rugby field site.

As for other areas, we request that you further consider ways to preserve trees by working out better designs of facilities, for instance, and present them to us.

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