

About Us

Tokyo Zoological Park Society (Tokyo Dobutusen Kyokai) is a non-profit organization managing and operating the zoos and aquarium owned by Tokyo Metropolitan Government: Ueno Zoological Gardens, Tama Zoological Park, Tokyo Sea Life Park and Inokashira Park Zoo.

Our mission:

1. To develop activities and services at the zoos and aquarium
2. To contribute to the coexistence of humans and wild animals
by spreading knowledge on animals and their habitats

In 1947, shortly after WWII, Tokyo Zoological Park Society was founded as a voluntary association, "believing that fostering the idea of animal protection is the best and fastest way to achieve humanity," and "aspiring to the healthy development of democratic zoo management" (from "The Prospectus").

The Society was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1948, and has since been fulfilling our missions by actively engaging in activities at the zoos and aquarium, such as publication, membership management, and other sales services.

In April 2006, Tokyo Metropolitan Government appointed Tokyo Zoological Park Society as a managing agent defined in the Local Autonomy Law, and has entrusted almost all the administration and management, including husbandry and exhibition, of Tokyo zoos and aquarium to the Society.

Our activities have been highly evaluated by Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and in April, 2010, we started operating as a public interest incorporated foundation, defined in the newly amended act on public interest organizations.

Through close cooperation among three zoos and an aquarium as well as by realizing the full potential of each facility, we will continually improve our zoos and aquarium in an effort to provide richer experience and better services to our visitors, and will implement highly public interest-oriented activities contributing the coexistence of humans and wild animals.