

Tokyo Zoological Park Society

About Us

Tokyo Zoological Park Society (Tokyo Dobutsuen Kyōkai) 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.

In order to implement the Tokyo Zoo Master Plan, which was adopted by Tokyo Metropolitan Government as a vision and policy for the future development, the Society tries to ensure the close cooperation among the three zoos and aquarium, working together with Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and to proceed with the preparations necessary to become the managing agent of the zoos and aquarium again.

Based on what we have accomplished, we will continually improve our zoos and aquarium in an effort to provide richer experience and better services to our visitors.