



## Policy for the future:

Toho Gas and its Group companies, in line with the Environmental Action Principles (established in 1993 and revised in 2011), recognize the importance of preserving the environment on a regional and global scale. By giving priority to supplying clean energy, the Group will do its utmost to create an environmentally harmonious society through all its business activities. In our Environmental Action Guidelines (established in 2011), which set out the concept and orientation of important environmental activities that the Group is engaged in keeping with these principles, the Group recognizes the importance of biodiversity and will work to assess and analyze the impact of business activities on biodiversity, as well as promoting biodiversity-friendly activities.

## < Examples of Specific Initiatives >

### [ Example 1 ]

We are engaged in preserving regional ecosystems through the establishment of biotopes. We created a biotope (7,500 square meters) at Chita-Midorihama Works in 2000 and Biotope Place (600 square meters) at the Gas Energy Exhibition Hall in 2010, as well as emplacing a biotope (approximately 800 square meters) at the Group-developed Minato AQULS facility. In these ways and other, we are devoting effort to fostering rare and endemic species and preserving ecosystems, along with collaborating with municipalities in creating learning opportunities for concerning biodiversity geared toward the members of the next generation.



### [ Example 2 ]

We are engaged in forest conservation and other activities through Toho Gas Forest, a regional-community initiative, and in natural woodlands that coexist with populated areas. In FY2016 we established Toho Gas Forest Odai and Toho Gas Forest Mitake in Odai-cho, Mie Prefecture and Mitake-cho, Gifu Prefecture, and have been advancing activities there. In FY2020, we are opening a third location, Toho Gas Forest Setono, in the city of Seto, Aichi Prefecture. The Group's employees and their families, with the cooperation of the local region, are engaged in tree-planting, thinning, grass-cutting, and other such forest-conservation activities.



### [ What Was Leaned , Successful Results, Etc. ]

With respect to sustainable development goals (SDGs), natural capital serves as the base for social and economic activity, and action in concert with the local region is vital. Biological surveys of biotopes provide a real sense of how biological species are steadily increasing and become the region's natural capital.

### [ Issues ]

With respect to climate change and disaster prevention, the roles of forests and recreational water areas are being revised in thoroughgoing disaster-prevention and -mitigation measures that also address climate-change risk. One issue is how to work to enhance the resilience of local regions.