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« The Okura Tokyo »
A Much-Loved Relaxation Space
Minato City Green Community Development Award Winner

The story of water and greenery shared in the region

TOKYO, JAPAN, November 24, 2021 - Hotel Okura Tokyo Co., Ltd. has announced that The Okura Tokyo has been awarded the “Minato City Green Community Development Award” bestowed on facilities that contribute to green urban development in Minato-ku, Tokyo. This annual award was established in 2004 in order to give recognition to businesses that maintain green areas based on superior greenery plans.

The Okura Garden, a space where visitors can experience the Japanese natural landscape of karesansui (dry landscape garden) by taking advantage of the 19-meter elevation difference of The Okura Tokyo site, was selected for the evaluation. In a 12,800m² area of greenery, which corresponds to half of the entire site, a huge variety of trees and plants have been arranged, including 400 tall trees, 1,100 medium trees and 51,000 shrubs. The 2,500m² Edomizaka Park within The Okura Garden has been opened up to the local area as a public space, providing promenades adorned with seasonal trees and relaxation spaces.

In 2020, at the 40th Green City Award organized by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, The Okura Garden was awarded the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in recognition of its contribution to society.

Appraisal Comments

The new scenes developed in this splendid garden tell the story of “water and greenery” through the experience of natural Japanese landscapes in a historical ecological environment that utilizes the elevation difference that is characteristic of this area. There is a pleasant variety of seasonal flowers in this high-quality space that is open to the public, which also features attractive seasonal trees and grassland scenes. Other impressive features include artificial ground techniques and the continuous monitoring of plant life. In addition, a public park has been integrated into the adjacent area that features promenades adorned with seasonal trees and relaxation spaces, which will serve as a successful point of reference for seamless public-private scenic creation in the future.

Source: Minato City Green Community Development Award Web page



A traditional Japanese landscape garden is depicted by the flowing water that circulates from the basin in Okura Square in the hotel entrance.



Much thought was given to the flow of wind when arranging the trees and plants in the garden, while consideration was also given to the environment to ensure cool spots.



Edomizaka Park was opened to the public to provide pleasant walking routes and spaces of relaxation in the lives of local people.

*A pamphlet called “Okura Gardens” has been prepared by The Okura Tokyo as a guide for guests who wish to explore the gardens.

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