

## About Us

Tokyo Zoological Park Society (Tokyo Dobutsuen Kyokai) is a non-profit organization that manages and operates 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 about animals and their habitats

In 1947, shortly after WWII, the 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 its missions by actively engaging in activities at the zoos and aquarium, such as creating publications, membership management, and other sales services.

In April 2006, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government appointed the 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 the Tokyo zoos and aquarium to the Society. In April 2010, the Society took a new step forward by being authorized as a public interest incorporated foundation.

We are celebrating our 70th anniversary this year. In order to implement the Tokyo Zoo Master Plan, which was adopted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government as the vision and policy for the future development, the Society will continue its efforts to ensure close cooperation among the three zoos and aquarium, working together with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

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