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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

**An Industry First in Tokyo's 23 Wards!**  
**Sumitomo Forestry Completes Private-Pay Three-Story Elderly Care Facility with Fire-Resistant Wood Structure**  
**Selected for FY2011 1st Wood Community Development Promotion Program**

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) has completed the construction and handover of a private-pay three-story elderly care facility with a fire-resistant wood structure (two-by-four construction method). This is the first such facility to be constructed in Tokyo's 23 wards.

The completed private-pay elderly care facility was selected under the first round of a fiscal 2010 first Wood Community Development Promotion Program.\* Project manager Marushuku Co., Ltd. subcontracted the design and construction of the facility to Sumitomo Forestry. Benesse Style Care Co., Ltd. (President: Hitoshi Kobayashi; Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; part of the Benesse Group), which operates private-pay elderly care facilities throughout Japan, will manage the facility.

To ensure the safety of residents, Sumitomo Forestry designed the facility with a fire-resistant structure offering superior fire-resistance features. At the same time, the facility highlights the qualities of wood by adopting new styles of interior and exterior fittings made from environmentally conscious Japanese timber.

The facility is also the first designed and constructed by the MOCCA (Wood Use Integration) Department established in April 2011. The Sumitomo Forestry Group is involved in a wide range of businesses utilizing wood resources, from the forestry business to the manufacture, processing, and sale of timber, to the construction and sale of wooden houses and wood biomass power generation. As the Group's mission, the MOCCA (Wood Use Integration) Department will support the expected growth in the utilization of wood in the non-residential housing and interior product markets, aiming to expand the applications of wood resources by promoting new standards and specifications for the use of Japanese timber.

\* Wood Community Development Promotion Program

The program's purpose is to promote the development of leading examples of large-scale structures using wood, a renewable and cyclical resource, and by promoting the examples widely throughout Japan, to support the advance of wood construction technology and increase awareness.

## ■ Facility Overview

Location:	2-8-10 Yaguchi, Ota-ku, Tokyo
Name:	Granda Tamagawa-Ota (private-pay elderly care facility)
Project manager:	Marushuku Co., Ltd.
Design, construction:	Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.
Rooms:	48
Total floor area:	1,997.11m <sup>2</sup>
Site area:	1,359.65m <sup>2</sup>
Structure:	Three-story, two-by-four construction
Facility opening:	December 1, 2011