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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Sumitomo Forestry Promotes Day Care Business --Opens “Day Forest”

--Aiming for day care where people can relax and feel at home--

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. has entered the day care business in anticipation of Japan’s aging society, aiming to expand its range of nursing care services for the elderly. Sumitomo Forestry has announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Fill Care Co., Ltd. (President: Toshikatsu Nakazawa; Head Office: Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture), a Group company engaged in the management of private-pay elderly care facilities, plans to open new day care centers, known as “Day Forest” as outlined below.

■ Schedule for Opening

Day Care Center	Day Forest Higashi-Yamata	Day Forest Mizo-no-Kuchi	Day Forest Nerima Nishiki
Opening	May 1, 2015	June 1, 2015	March 1, 2016 (planned)
Location	1-23-3, Higashiyamata, Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture	5-13-6, Shimosakunobe, Takatsu-ku, Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture	Nishiki, Nerima-ku, Tokyo (details to be confirmed)
Closest station	“Kita-yamata” Station, Yokohama Municipal Subway Green Line	“Tsudayama” Station, JR Nambu Line	“Tobu-Nerima” Station, Tobu Tojo Line
Property area	665.29 m ²	846.00 m ²	548.18 m ²
Building area	Total floor space 297.88 m ²	Total floor space 304.88 m ²	Total floor space 299.77 m ²
Planned capacity	35	35	35

■ Special Features of “Day Forest” Day Care Facilities

- (1) Lush wooden feel interior
Aiming to provide a day care space with a wooden and natural home-like feel where individual users can relax and feel at ease.
- (2) Daily activity programs that can be freely selected by individual users
Instead of the traditional one-size-fits-all recreation program, several activity programs will be offered so that individual users can select their preferred program according to their physical condition and mood on the day. As part of rehabilitation, “horticultural therapy” will be introduced. This form of therapy is said to be effective in restoring physical and mental function by patients coming in touch with nature and greenery.
- (3) Offer opportunities to interact with local residents
These facilities are designed to be integrated into the community, and will include an indoor area for use by local residents. The facilities will offer opportunities for deeper interaction not only for regular users but also for local residents, as a location for volunteer activities and through the provision of recreation programs.
- (4) Fully equipped kitchen to provide hot meals
A full-equipped kitchen can provide hot lunches, which are is aspect of day care much appreciated by users.
- (5) Accessible design for safety and peace of mind
Indoor facilities are built for maximum accessibility to enable users to move freely about and use the facilities with peace of mind.

Sumitomo Forestry Group hopes that the opening of “Day Forest” day care facilities will increase nursing care options, will provide a system that supports users in their daily life, is integrated into the community, and will offer nursing care facilities that can contribute to the local community.

Happiness Grows from Trees

About Sumitomo Forestry

Founded in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and its Group companies have broadened business activities focused on wood. Based on its corporate philosophy—“utilize timber as a renewable, healthy and environmentally friendly natural resource, and contributes to a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services”— and with its approximately 250,000 hectares of owned and managed forest, the global network that spans more than 20 countries and expertise and technology in housing-related businesses, Sumitomo Forestry Group is developing the Forestry and Environment Business, the Timber and Building Materials Business, the Housing Business, the Overseas Business, the Lifestyle Service Business and other businesses both in Japan and abroad. Adding such businesses as wooden biomass power generation and Timber Solution, it will continue to pursue the potential of timber.

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