

Survey to Consider the Transplantation of Ginkgo Trees Along a Minato City Road and in a Nearby Area

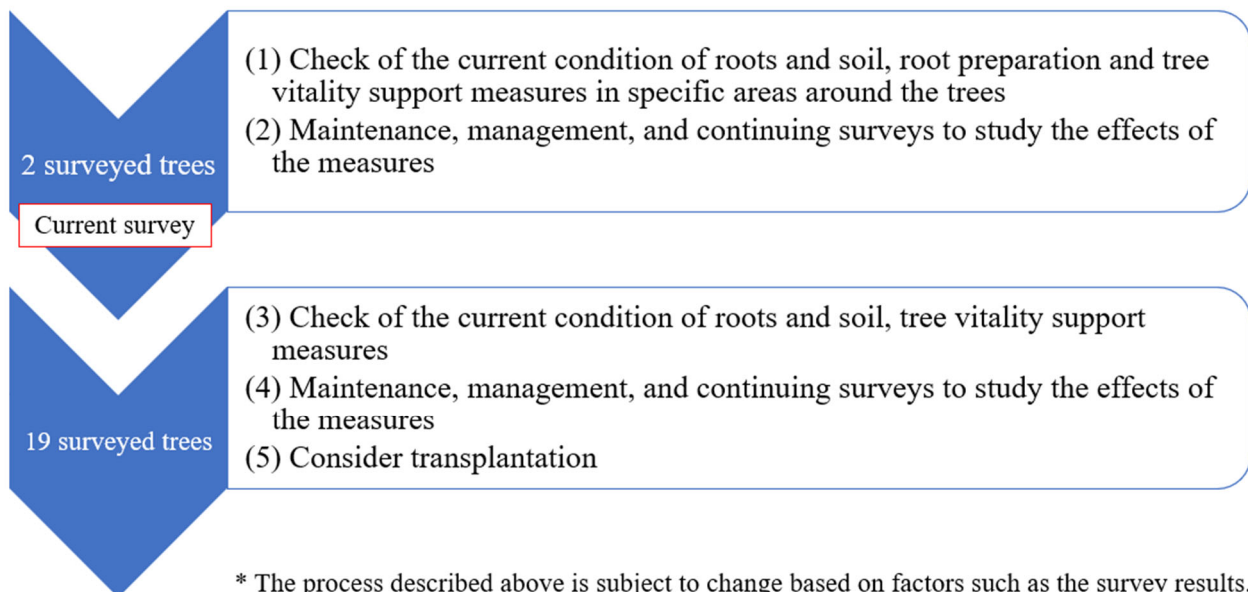
Tokyo, Japan, January 27, 2025 – The developers of the Jingu Gaien District Urban Redevelopment Project had previously decided to consider the transplantation of ginkgo trees along a Minato City road and in a nearby area, located east of Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Stadium, after conducting a detailed survey of these trees and related studies, as stated in the environmental impact assessment report. The developers announced today that they will conduct a survey to consider transplantation, supervised by tree doctors and other experts, with details as follows.

Additionally, an outline of the survey results and related information will be reported to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government’s Environmental Impact Assessment Council and will be disclosed through the official website and other means.

1. Outline of the survey

Upon considering the transplantation of 19 ginkgo trees along the Minato City road and in a nearby area, located east of Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Stadium, the developers will first check the current condition of the roots and soil of 2 ginkgo trees. They will then conduct root preparation and tree vitality support measures in specific areas around the trees on a trial basis under the supervision of tree doctors and other experts. Thereafter, the effects of the root preparation and tree vitality support measures will be studied through maintenance, management, and continuing surveys over several years. Based on these studies, optimal tree vitality support measures will be carried out for the 19 trees, including the remaining 17 trees. Further maintenance, management, and continuing surveys of all 19 trees will be conducted, and transplantation will be considered based on the results of those activities.

【Process for considering transplantation】



* The process described above is subject to change based on factors such as the survey results.



Figure 1. Map of ginkgo trees along the Minato City road and in a nearby area

2. Survey period

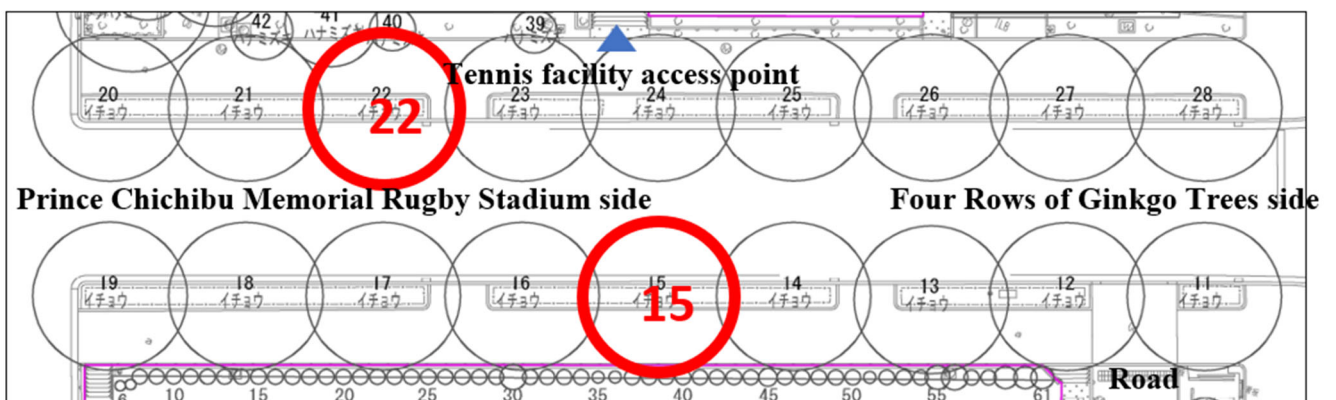
From February 2025 (planned)

3. Survey company

IBIDEN Greentec Co., Ltd.

4. Survey scope

The survey will cover two trees on the north and south sides of the Minato City road, which are in different environments (tree identification codes in the current tree survey data: West 22 and West 15), based on the opinions of tree doctors and other experts, while taking care to prevent disruption to traffic.



5. Survey method and measures

(1) Check of the current condition of roots and soil

Remove the pavement and crushed stones to survey the condition of the roots and soil beneath the sidewalk and road, including the density and growth status of a portion of the root system under the pavement

(2) Root preparation in specific areas around the trees

Perform root preparation in specific areas around the trees by girdling a portion of the primary root on the sidewalk side, in order to measure the effects of root preparation (such as root formation conditions) should it be undertaken.

Girdling refers to a method of removing the epidermis of roots of a certain thickness down to the formation layer to promote root formation from the stripped area and reduce the burden on the tree from root removal during transplantation.

(3) Tree vitality support measures

To improve the environment of the roots assumed to be growing among the crushed stones on the sidewalk side and encourage the formation and growth of roots, remove the crushed stones through manual labor or by using an air spade or other tools, while keeping the roots intact. Replace the crushed stones with good quality soil and lay rice straw mulch over the soil. Additionally, clear hedera and undergrowth from the survey area to improve the water supply to the ginkgo trees.

(4) Maintenance, management, and continuing surveys

Perform activities such as root formation surveys, visual inspections, and comparisons of trunk circumference changes using a dendrometer to study the effects of (2) and (3).

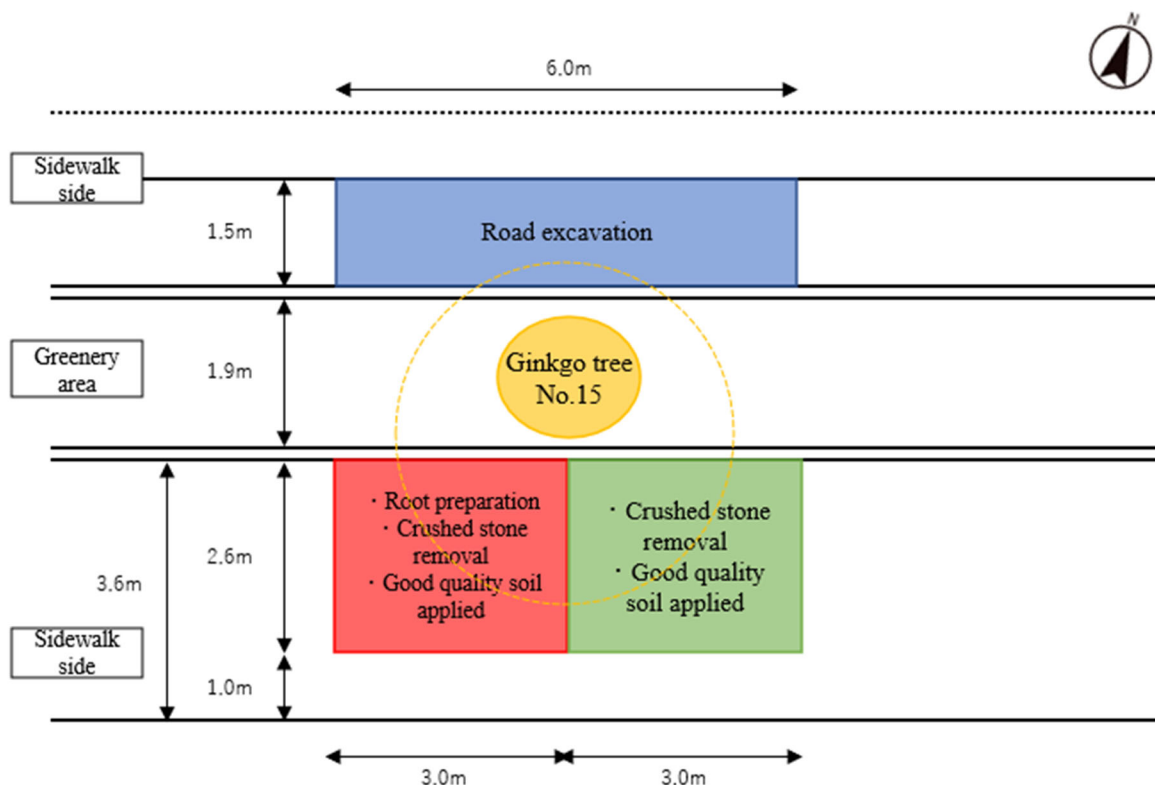


Figure 3. Scope of measures (No. 15)

6. Other

Please direct any inquiries regarding this survey to the Jingu Gaien District Redevelopment Project Planning Office (Japanese language only; Telephone: 03-6695-0539). Please note that the contractor will not accommodate unpermitted on-site tours or direct inquiries, in order to prioritize the safety management of the on-site survey work.