

**Minutes of the 5th Nature Conservation Review Committee Meeting Focusing on Birds of
Prey and Forests Concerning New Test Course Development by Honda Motor**

1 Date and Time

17:00 ~ 19:45 October 11, 2007 Thursday

2 Venue

Urban Shimotsuke Conference room 201 and 202

3 Attendees

5 committee members:

Chair, Tatsuhiro Ohkubo —— Professor of Faculty of Agriculture, Utsunomiya University

Member, Koichi Endo —— Assistant District Leader of Tochigi Branch of the Wild
Bird Society of Japan

Member, Kazumi Suemoto —— Researcher, Natural History Research

Member, Mitsutake Hayashi —— Chief Researcher, Tochigi Prefectural Museum

Member, Takashi Matsuda —— Vice President, Nature Conservation Group of Ujiie

14 organizing members

Agenda

1. Explanation of/exchange of views on Sakura City's environment conservation activities
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting
3. Report on the current status of the New R&D Center Plan and precious species conservation
4. Review of the new test course preliminary paper
5. Other

Minutes (summary)

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1. Explanation of/exchange of views on Sakura City's environment conservation activities

The city explained their environment conservation activities. Members exchanged views as follows.

Explanation from Sakura City:

- Sakura City designates natural environment conservation zones based on the Sakura City Basis Land Usage Coordination Plan. Also the city will show, in the Sakura City Environment Base Plan (still incomplete), direction of natural environment conservation.

Views from committee members:

- Besides Kamikawato Area, designate two or three more environment conservation model zones.
- What about the involvement of the party in charge of forest development? The university would like to cooperate.
- There is a case where some sort of core organization is established first and then its city backs it up. Maybe some suggestions could be drawn from this kind of case.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting

The organizer reported on the minutes of the 4th meeting. No comments were made by committee members.

3. Report on the current status of the New R&D Center Plan and precious species conservation

The organizer reported on the current status of the New R&D Center Plan and precious species conservation by referring to the Hygrophyte Temporary Transmigration Plan (draft). Members exchanged views as follows:

- Regarding the Hygrophyte Temporary Transmigration Plan (draft), prepare materials that explicitly explain how their revision is linked to which part of the inspection report.
→ The organizer acknowledged.

4. Review of the new test course preliminary paper

The organizer, by referring to pertinent materials, explained the preliminary paper of environment assessment of the new test course. Members exchanged views as follows:

- Ensure that results of plant and animal investigation are consistent with reports.
→ The organizer will verify and coordinate.
- Review how to touch upon Sirakashi (latent natural vegetation).
→ The organizer will review.
- Regarding the wide area inspection, their method, frequency, and results are not necessarily consistent. They have to be checked and breeding ranks need to be described in detail.
→ The organizer acknowledged.
- Clarify the insect migration criteria in the wide area inspection.
→ The organizer will check/review the criteria.
- Sort out buzzard-eagle nests and habitat conditions by year. Apply some quantitative method, for example, mesh analysis, in dealing with goshawks.
→ The organizer acknowledged.
- Regarding test-course-related species to be preserved, sort out species by conservation measure.
→ The organizer will review.
- Preserving Hotoke Loach (*Lefua Echigonia*) in regulating reservoirs is impossible. Shallow water is needed for breeding and low temperature spring water is needed for habitation during other than their breeding season.
→ The organizer will review.