

**Minutes of the 7th Nature Conservation Review Committee Meeting Focusing on Birds of
Prey and Forests Concerning New Test Course Development by Honda Motor**

1	Date and Time
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17:00 ~ 19:45 February 26, 2008 Tuesday

2	Venue
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New Mikura Conference room 306

3	Attendees
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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

16 organizing members

4	Agenda
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1. Confirmation of the previous (6th) meeting minutes
2. New test course plan
 - 2-1 Progress of environmental assessment
 - 2-2 Planned-area environmental conservation program
 - 2-3 Planned-area environment monitoring/research
 - 2-4 Wide-area nature conservation measures
3. New R&D Center plan
 - 3-1 Environment conservation action plan
 - 3-2 New R&D Center monitoring plan
4. Other

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous (6th) meeting and the follow-up on members' inputs

The organizer reported on the minutes of the 6th meeting. Members didn't make any particular comments.

2. New test course plan

The organizer explained the progress of the assessment of the new test course's impact on the surrounding environment, the program of preserving the planned-area environment, and the wide-area nature conservation measures. Members exchanged views, which are summarized as follows:

2-2 Planned-area environmental conservation program

- How to use the terms, "rare species," "species to be watched," and "species to be preserved" should be sorted out.
 - The organizer acknowledged the above and will sort them out and put the results in the action plan.
- Investigate the Japanese paradise flycatcher as thoroughly as the other species to be preserved and draw up their conservation plan.
 - The organizer hasn't confirmed the presence of their nests but will draw up a conservation plan and measures by factoring in the results of the

monitoring that will be conducted in the future.

- Description about raptorial birds preservation measures was still insufficient, although not every detail concerning these deficiencies could be put in the assessment document. Prepare a solid conservation plan through consultation with individual members.

→ The organizer will prepare it as soon as possible.

- Check the remaining forest beforehand to manage the work of dealing with the forest floor.

→ The organizer acknowledged this item.

2-3 Planned-area environment monitoring/investigation

- During monitoring, record each plant or animal that has been relocated for the sake of environment conservation.

→ The organizer acknowledged the above.

- Maybe the level of the study, as a means of goshawk conservation, needs to be raised as suggested by the Technical Committee.

→ The organizer will review the study plan.

2-4 Wide-area nature conservation measures

- What kind of organization do you have in mind to implement the wide-area nature conservation measures?

- The organizer is thinking about an organization like “Green Trust Utsunomiya” and would like to cooperate with the city of Sakura as well.
- Include monitoring and nature observation events in conservation activity.
- The organizer acknowledged the above.

3. New R&D Plan

The organizer explained the “New R&D Natural Environment Conservation Plan (proposed).” Members exchanged views, which are summarized as follows:

3-1 Environment conservation action plan

- What about the quality of the water to be pumped to the marsh?
- The organizer thinks that the quality is not much different from that of the reservoir.
- The concrete water channel in the shape of a full “U” makes it difficult for amphibians to move between dry land and water. Is it possible to make a structure that amphibians can crawl up in some way?
- The organizer will examine this idea.
- For persevering native tree species, it is suggested that rootstock transplants and wild seedlings be done at the spot as much as possible.

→ The organizer would like to discuss this matter with the members after drawing up a planting plan and making a list of tree species.

- Since dealing with the remaining forest affects the entire conservation of plants and animals, a detailed conservation plan including work process flows should be drawn up and explained

→ The organizer will prepare a plan like this.

3-2 New R&D Center monitoring plan

Conduct the nighttime investigation of the owls at the right time and in the right manner.

→ The organizer acknowledged this request.

4 Other items

(1) Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in early or mid-April.