

## **Toranomon Hills Opening June 11**

### **Multi-use High-rise to Catalyze International Influx**

- Ideal business and lifestyle provisions for international communities
- Excellent location offering extra-easy access to fast-developing bay shore districts and Tokyo International Airport in the near future
- Ultra-efficient urban land use framework to reshape Tokyo into one of the world's genuinely top-class cities

**Tokyo, March 20, 2014** – Mori Building, a leading urban landscape developer, today announced the June 11 opening of Toranomon Hills. The multi-use high-rise is located within the Special Zone for Asian Headquarters established by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to bolster the city's international competitiveness. The new high-rise is expected to attract global companies and professionals with its revolutionary urban landscaping model affording a high-end business and lifestyle environment, vastly improved accessibility and solutions for Tokyo's transformation into a world class city.

Rising 52 stories and 247 meters in height, Toranomon Hills will feature expansive pillar-less office spaces designed to the highest specifications, one of Tokyo's largest conference facilities, luxury residences, 25 restaurants serving Japanese and western haute-cuisine, and a 6,000m<sup>2</sup> pocket of open space and greenery. The multi-use high-rise will also house the Andaz Tokyo, the first Hyatt-produced boutique luxury hotel in Japan providing exclusive accommodation to international business and leisure travelers.

The inauguration of Toranomon Hills will be preceded by the opening of the Toranomon-Shinbashi stretch of Loop Road No. 2, a key Tokyo trunk route scheduled to open to traffic on March 29. The Toranomon-Shinbashi stretch of Loop Road No. 2 will pave the way for the road's extension in the near future from Shinbashi to Toyosu and Tokyo's fast-developing bay shore area, which will vastly improve access between Toranomon Hills and Tokyo International Airport, along with other key metropolitan gateways, making Toranomon Hills ideally located for business and international communities.

The Loop Road No. 2's formation within Toranomon Hills is a testament to Mori Building's "Vertical Garden City" concept, which calls for making intelligent use of ultra-high-rise structures as well as underground space to create compactness that enhances the efficiency of urban infrastructure by integrating offices, residences, hotels, commercial facilities and road systems.



The opening of the Toranomom-Shinbashi stretch is also the first step in the creation of a planned symbol road, a key component of the long-term public-private partnership project led by Mori Building and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to rejuvenate the Toranomom district with Toranomom Hills at its heart.

While civic plans to open a trunk road between Toranomom and Shinbashi remained dormant for over 60 years, the 1988 enactment of the Multi-Level Road System helped turn myth into reality, with Mori Building playing a key role in conceiving the plan to design the road within the premises of its new flagship multi-use office building.

Fed by the newly built arterial thoroughfare, Toranomom Hills will over the next several years rise and firmly establish itself at the crossroads between the site of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Village, The National Stadium, the Imperial Palace and Tokyo's key business and administrative districts.

#### **Quote:**

#### **Shingo Tsuji, President & CEO, Mori Building**

*"The Loop Road No.2, destined to become Tokyo's newest trunk route, is being unveiled some 60 years after it was originally drawn up. It will play a key role in helping Tokyo to maintain its edge as one of Asia's most important global cities. It's also a revolutionary project that has brought municipal governments and private companies together, working hand in hand."*

*The history of Mori Building has its origins in the Toranomom and Shinbashi areas of Tokyo. Through this symbolic project, we look forward to generating renewed pride in these areas."*



Above-ground Shintora-dori trunk route upon completion (rendering by Mori Building Co., Ltd.)

#### **About Mori Building**

Tokyo-based Mori Building Co., Ltd., creates groundbreaking concepts for urban living throughout Japan and the rest of Asia. As one of Japan's leading urban landscape developers, Mori Building engages in urban redevelopment, real estate leasing and management and consultation covering areas such as leisure complexes, offices and high-class residences. Examples include Roppongi Hills complex in Tokyo and Shanghai World Financial Center. The company also is involved in culture, art and "town management" activities that keep communities functioning and thriving, including disaster preparedness, security, logistics, etc., as well as planning and operating civic-minded facilities such as museums, galleries, observatories, educational and conference facilities and private clubs. Mori Building was established in 1959. Please visit [www.mori.co.jp/en](http://www.mori.co.jp/en).

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