

April 12, 2007
Mori Building Co., Ltd

Ark Hills wins Energy Globe Award

**~Ark Garden celebrates its tenth anniversary, representing the achievement of harmony
between urban and natural environments~**

In recognition of the proactive greening efforts made at Ark Hills (in Minato-ku, Tokyo; completed in 1986) and reflecting the theme of harmony between the urban and natural environments, Mori Building Co., Ltd. (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Minoru Mori) has been awarded “National ENERGY GLOBE AWARD Japan” as part of ENERGY GLOBE 2006, presented by the environmental organization Energy Globe, headquartered in Austria, to leading environmental projects around the world.

※See page 3 for details of the Energy Globe Award.



Cherry blossoms in full bloom in Ark Garden

Ark Hills: nurturing the urban ecosystem

Working to promote projects in which the urban and natural environments exist in harmony, Mori Building is proceeding proactively with greening efforts on a variety of different sites: open spaces established anew through intensive land management, green spaces cultivated on building rooftops, and protection of vegetation on current sites.

The starting point for this urban-development philosophy was the Ark Hills project

(completed in 1986), actualizing a mature green environment. It features rows of approximately 150 cherry trees, as well as “Ark Garden” which have seven gardens through the proactive greening of the project’s rooftops and other areas. The trees and flowers of Ark Garden, which celebrates its tenth anniversary, have served as a gathering place for a host of small birds and insects, leading to the development of a true ecosystem in the urban environment of Tokyo. The current award represents the high regard in which several aspects of this project are held—not simply its responses to issues related to global warming but also its maintenance system, centering on the activities of the Ark Gardening Club, as well as the project’s emphasis on contributing to local community activities through continual greening of the urban environment.

※See page 5 for details of Ark Garden

※See page 7 for information on a special opening (April 13 - 14) of the Roof Garden, usually closed to the public.

■About the Energy Globe Award

<http://www.energyglobe.info/geg/frontend/view.php>

The environmental organization Energy Globe (headed by President and founder Wolfgang Neumann), designed to disseminate information on sustainable and adaptable projects throughout the world—and ultimately to contribute to the future protection of the earth’s environment—was established in 1999 in Austria, with the support of a range of organizations, including the Austrian government and the European Parliament.

The Energy Globe Award (organized by Energy Globe) is an international award extolling projects that take the environment into consideration, through efforts such as the economical use of resources, the use of new energy sources, and the sustainability of such projects. The award is given to superior projects in four categories. In 2006, a total of 732 projects from around the world applied for this award.

Four Energy Globe Award categories

- International < Awarded to the leading environmental projects throughout the world >
 ※The International Award is awarded in each of five subcategories: Earth, Fire, Water, Air, and Youth.
- Continental < Awarded to the leading environmental projects on each continent >
 ※Not applicable
- National < Awarded to the leading environmental projects in each country >
 ※For Japan, awarded to Ark Hills this year
- Regional < Awarded to the leading environmental projects in each of the nine provinces of Austria >
 ※Not applicable

In Japan, in the past Expo 2005 Aichi won an Energy Globe Award in 2005 as the first world exposition that seriously addressed environmental issues. Mori Building’s Ark Hills is thus the second project in Japan to win the award. The following points were evaluated in the selection of Ark Hills:

- Mori Building’s urban development philosophy (the “vertical garden city” concept)
- Achievement of harmony between the urban and natural environments
- Efforts to counter the “heat island” effect
- Revitalization of the community through gardening club activities
- Organic garden management efforts, including weed control without herbicides, fertilizer made of fallen leaves and twigs, and pest control through use of beneficial insects

On April 11, 2007, an awards ceremony was held at the European Parliament (in Brussels, Belgium), with attendees from some 50 countries. The awards ceremony was broadcast by a German television network and could be seen across Europe and beyond.



A member of Mori Building personnel meets with Energy Globe President and founder Wolfgang Neumann.



The awards ceremony at the European Parliament

Reference information on Ark Garden

■ Ten years of Ark Garden

1986: Ark Hills completed

1997: Ark Garden (Roof Garden, Main Garden) completed

Ark Gardening Club established

1999: Back Garden completed

2001: Four Seasons Garden, Rose Garden completed

2002: Palette Garden completed

Ark Hills wins 22nd Green City Award from Japan's Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

2005: Ark Hills obtains the highest rank (Stage 3) in the first Social and Environmental Green Evaluation System (SEGES) ranking

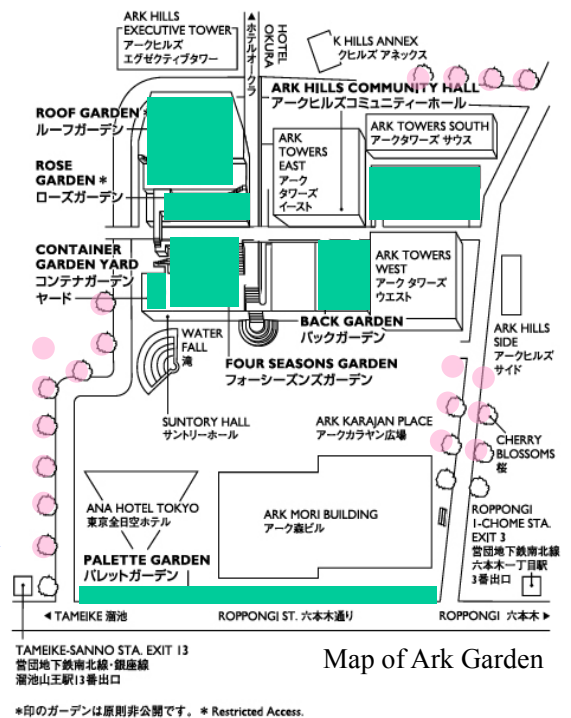
2006: Ark Hills obtains the highest SEGES rank (Stage 3)
for the second year in a row

Ark Gardening Club receives Director's Award for road services from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Bureau of Construction

Ark Hills wins the National Energy Globe Award Japan in the Energy Globe Awards

2007: Ark Garden and Ark Gardening Club celebrate
their tenth anniversaries

※ In blue: awards won and other accomplishments



■ Ark Garden data

Total numbers of trees in Ark Garden: Approximately 40,000 trees
Approximately 12,700 flowers

Garden name	Area/length	Plant types	Main plants
Main Garden	Approx. 720 m2	Flowers: 70	Pansies, Kashiwaba hydrangeas, garden cyclamen, Christmas roses
Four Seasons Garden	Approx. 570 m2	Trees: 30; flowers: 70	Pulsatilla cernua, Mountain Hydrangea, dwarf Japanese quinces
Container Garden Yard	Approx. 200 m2	Flowers: 40	Feijoa, golden ninebark, daisies
Roof Garden (normally closed to the public)	Approx. 1,220 m2	Flowers: 60	Phlox, scarlet maple, Patrinia scabiosaeifolia, Chinese crabapples
Rose Garden (normally closed to the public)	Approx. 360 m2	Trees: 15; flowers: 30	Cherokee roses, banksia roses, Japanese roses
Palette Garden	Approx. 250 m (along Tokyo Bay)	Trees: 10; flowers: 40	Marguerites, Euryops daisies, conifers
Back Garden	Approx. 260 m2	Flowers: 15	Lilies, hydrangeas, Christmas roses

■ Ark Garden community activities

Ark Gardening Club

This year the Ark Gardening Club, established upon the opening of Ark Garden, also celebrates its seventeenth season—as a parent organization for a range of activities, providing the community with the opportunity to experience nature, greening the urban environment. (In 2003, the club switched to focusing its activities on one season per year.) Over ten years the Ark Gardening Club has had a cumulative total of approximately 800 members; today it has approximately 100 active members in addition to full-time gardener Akemi Sugii.

Kids' Garden

Since spring 2000, Ark Garden has been used as a venue for the outdoor activities of neighborhood children. Over the seven years of this program, a cumulative total of approximately 400 neighborhood kindergarten and elementary-school students has participated in these activities.

Information on a special spring opening of the Roof Garden

Special opening of the Roof Garden http://www.mori.co.jp/ark20/event/event_0704_01.html

The Roof Garden located on the rooftop of Suntory Hall (normally closed to the public) will be open to visitors on a special basis for two days: Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14

The Roof Garden was designed based on the idea to be the garden that is beautiful as looking from the above.

These two days will feature a walking tour of the garden led by Ark Garden's full-time gardener Akemi Sugii (on April 13 only) and a flea market selling gardening products.

Special opening of the Roof Garden

◇Dates and times: Friday, April 13, noon - 7:00 pm (closed at 5:00 pm in the event of rain)

Saturday, April 14: noon - 5:00 pm

◇Location : Roof Garden inside Ark Garden

※Admission: free of charge Will be held even in the event of light rain

Walking tour led by full-time gardener Akemi Sugii

◇Date and time: Friday, April 13, 10:00 am - 11:00 am (all spots already reserved)

◇Location : all areas of Ark Garden

Gardening flea market

◇Dates and times: Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, noon - 4:00 pm

◇Location : Back Garden inside Ark Garden

※Cancelled in the event of rain; subject to closure when all merchandise is sold



The Roof Garden in spring (day)



The Roof Garden in spring (night)

Ark Garden 10th Anniversary eco-bag

This eco-bag, featuring a photograph by Takashi Honma, has been created to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the opening of Ark Garden.





Overview of Ark Hills



Ark Garden, a garden in the center of the city



Visitors enjoying the rows of cherry



Ark Garden's abundant eulalia

Address any related inquiries to:

Public Relations, Mori Building Co., Ltd. (attn.: Nomura, Takeuchi)

Tel.: +81-3-6406-6606 Fax: +81-3-6406-9306 E-mail: koho@mori.co.jp