FY2018 Sakura Replanting Project Report

We have been cutting down the sakura trees on MacLean Avenue and replacing them with new trees since 2013. Considering that approximately six years have passed since the last time the tree diagnosis had been made, and there have been damages such as broken branches mainly due to typhoons in recent years, we made the tree diagnosis again.

As a result of the diagnosis, we discovered that the deterioration of the trees was to a large extent and had been progressing more than expected. Therefore we decided to reexamine the Sakura Replanting Project till now, and we did not replant the sakura trees on MacLean Avenue as before.

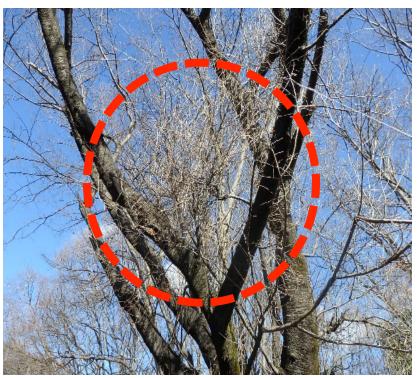
Problems are recognized not only in sakura trees on MacLean Avenue but also in trees in all areas such as those near the main gate and north of MacLean Avenue. We found trees showing symptoms of "Tengu-su disease (Witch's broom disease)" that impedes the growth of the trees, and also dead and dangling branches that could fall at any time. To secure the healthy growth of the trees and safely for the pedestrians, we cut the dead branches and branches contracting Tengu-su disease (total number is 71. see photo 1&2) in FY2018. (*1)

We will reexamine the issue and draw up a replanting plan of Sakura Replanting Project in the future, in the discussion of "ICU Natural Environment Preservation Project" (*2), and will start the cutting down and the planting of new trees from FY2019. We will announce the newly determined replanting plan separately.

- *1 ICU bears the cost of 1,891,000 yen (including tax) to cut the branches.
- *2 "ICU Natural Environment Preservation Project":

The project started in October 2018. Managing Trustee Tetsuro Tomioka serves as the chairman of it, and experts outside the university, faculty members, graduates, and the students are the participants. The objectives are to draw up: 1) basic policy for preserving and sustaining the natural environment in the ICU campus for the next sixty years; 2) concrete plans to manage and improve the environment based on the basic policy.





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