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高校生による継続的な森づくりへの参加とその意義

— 崩落地への植樹、保全活動を通して —

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The Participation of High School Students in Continuous Forestry Management and its Meaning through Planting and Maintaining Trees on a Mudslide Slope

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“The Bosei Forest”, part of Wakayanagi Arashiyama Forest in Sagami-hara City, Kanagawa Pref., is a mudslide slope. Midorinodam Kitasagami is the Non Profit Organization (NPO) that is in charge of this forest. It is the only NPO in Japan that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Since 2004, the students of Tokai Bose High School have been in charge of “The Bose Forest” once or twice a month. This activity includes not only forestry management but science research.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate continuous forestry management and the change in student’s environmental awareness. From the results, we found that high school students think forestry management is a worthwhile activity and feel a sense of solidarity with the forest.

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