## 私たちの豊かな未来のために

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この地球上には数えきれないくらいの植物が生えています。美しい花も、野菜も、巨木も、水中の微細な藻類も、動物と同様、長い進化の歴史の中で生まれました。あらゆる生物は生物の多様性の中に身をおき、他の種の存在なくして生きていけません。人類は他の生物よりも、はるかに多くの植物の恩恵を蒙っています。筑波実験植物園の使命は、人類が将来も生き続けるために、植物の多様性を知り、守り、伝えることです。

Organisms have evolved throughout the long history of a changing world, resulting in the diverse life forms we see today. Humans, like other organisms, live in a fragile environment. We utilize biological resources in various ways; for food, for clothing, for medicine, for aesthetic reasons, and for pleasure. The mission of the Tsukuba Botanical Garden is to investigate and conserve plant diversity, and to help people understand the world of plants and the value of plants as the basis for our own existence.



over time, plants have diversified morphologically and chemically in response to variations in their environment. Moreover, plants have coevolved with other organisms to form symbiotic, parasitic and other relationships with other plants, with insects, with higher animals and with fungi. Our studies are concerned with the various aspects of plant diversity reflected in morphology, chromosomes, molecular phylogeny and chemosystematics.

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り多くの人々が植物の多様性を理解し尊重すること—これが植物の多様性を知り、守ることにつながると私たちは考えています。 筑波実験植物園では、展示やセミナー、学校授業などの活動を通じて、植物多様性とはなにか、いかに重要か、そして失われつつある現状を伝えていきます。

O ur education activities are focused on the need to make the public aware of the importance of biodiversity to be concerned with its preservation. Through exhibits and seminars, we convey to our audience the meaning of plant diversity, its significance, its current status, and that it is rapidly disappearing.

れまでの25年は、生物多様性の急激な喪失が顕在化し、それにともなって生物多様性保全に果たす植物園の主導的な役割に期待が集まり始めた時期でした。こうした状況を踏まえ、筑波実験植物園は植物多様性の保全に取り組んでいきます。特に日本の絶滅のおそれのある植物の調査・研究は急務であり、プロジェクト研究の中核として強力に推進します。

he role of botanical gardens in the conservation of biodiversity has been increasingly emphasized in recent years. We are committed to programs in conservation using our expertise. Our research programs focus on inventories and research on threatened plants indigenous to Japan and on endemic species, which should receive our highest priority and be the principal mission of the national center of natural history.



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