

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Campus



Location

Tokyo, Japan

Client

Landscape International, Ltd.

SWA Scope

Master Planning and
Landscape Architectural Services

Size

30 acres / 10.7 hectares

Architect

Kume Sekkei Co., Ltd., Architects
NBBJ Architecture

Awards

ASLA National Merit Award
ASLA Northern California Chapter Merit Award

SWA provided master planning and landscape architecture for this 10.7-hectare site, located on an abandoned military housing base on the outskirts of Tokyo. In order to honor the cultural belief that trees embody long-enduring souls, SWA designed a careful program of tree preservation and transplanting—reusing the existing forest to create a clear, form-giving landscape that allows for phased expansion and integrates the campus into its urban context.

This flexible, functional landscape offers formal and informal outdoor gathering spaces. The design includes a series of outdoor elements to encourage social activity as well as outdoor teaching, reading, and study. The Main Entry Plaza offers seating and bicycle parking, the Central Garden accommodates major gatherings, and a series of smaller garden spaces relate to classroom buildings, serving to draw people outside.

