

## Case Study: Participation in Yume Wakame Workshop and Planting Eelgrass

Maruha Nichiro Corporation participated in the Yume Wakame Workshop and Planting Eelgrass hosted by NPO Association for Shore Environment Creation and the eelgrass planting hosted by the Kanto Regional Development Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Rinko Park, Minato Mirai area of Nishi Ward, the city of Yokohama on Saturday, November 26, 2022. More than 250 people, including Maruha Nichiro Group employees and their families, participated in the event.

The Yume Wakame Workshop is held to clean the marine environment that has undergone eutrophication through cultivation of seaweed. At the workshop, seed planting of wakame (attachment of seed thread) was performed, while grown wakame was harvested in mid-February.



Installation of wakame seed



Harvested wakame seaweed

Planting eelgrass is performed in order to restore a rich marine environment and lost eelgrass beds due to large scale landfills during Japan's period of rapid economic growth. On the day of the event, eelgrass seeds were sown using eelgrass seeds from Kaneda Beach in Kisarazu City, Chiba Prefecture, where we also conducted a flowering branch collection in June 2022. In addition to seeding, participants listened intently to a detailed explanation of the workings of the eelgrass beds and restoration activities by members of the NPO Association for Shore Environment Creation, as well as an explanation of underwater conditions using an underwater drone, which deepened their understanding of these activities.



Attaching eelgrass seeds to clay



Participants listening to an explanation of underwater conditions using an underwater drone