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New tower to emerge in Tokyo

The Highest Point of Tokyo Sky Tree to Reach 634 Meters

Inaugural opening scheduled for spring 2012

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Tobu Railway (Head Office: Sumida-ku, Tokyo) and Tobu Tower Skytree (Head Office: Sumida-ku, Tokyo) have been committed to the development project of a multi-functional complex centering on Tokyo Sky Tree in the Narihira-bashi/Oshiage area of Sumida, scheduled for inauguration in the spring of 2012.

At the start of the project, Tokyo Sky Tree was designed to reach the height of about 610 meters. In light of the ongoing worldwide projects of high-rise structures, the highest point has been recently decided to reach 634 meters in the hope that it will be the tallest free-standing electric wave tower in the world.

Once Tokyo Sky Tree is completed, it will be the tallest free-standing tower in the world offering invaluable opportunities to introduce Japanese culture and technology to the world.

With administrative applications now being processed, we will continue to perform safety-sensitive work based on the legal permit and license to be issued.



Highest point of Tokyo Sky Tree

• Wanting to be the world's tallest

As far the highest point of Tokyo Sky Tree, we had announced in the beginning that it would be “about” 610 meters leaving the final decision at a later date. Since the tower was to be designed as the tallest in the world from the very beginning, an open-ended range was included in the structural plans for final adjustments. At a time when planning and construction of high-rise structures is underway in other countries, the operators have reviewed and in conclusion extended the highest point to be 634 meters to make the tower the highest one in the world.

Tokyo Sky Tree employs Japanese cutting-edge technology in reproducing the traditional architectural know-how of the central pillar damping method used in the five-story pagoda. When Tokyo Sky Tree makes its debut as the world's tallest free-standing tower drawing international attention, it will surely provide an invaluable opportunity to introduce the culture and technology of Japan to people around the world.

• Impressive Figure

In deciding the height, we wanted the tower, the world's tallest and symbol of the area, to have a height that is easy to be remembered. The height of 634 meters (to be read as MU-SA-SHI) was decided upon, as Musashi is the name of an old province and a familiar name to the Japanese people. We thought “634 = MUSASHI” would be easily remembered by the public from the phonic association of the figure and the word.

• Concept of Development: Locality and Japanese Culture

634 (MUSASHI) recalls locality and Japanese culture. Musashi is the name of an old province, which covered a vast area including the present-day Tokyo, Saitama and Kanagawa. Historically speaking, the area where Tokyo Sky Tree stands used to be a part of the province of Musashi. People will see the province of Musashi from the tower. When they ascend to the observatory deck, they will be able to imagine the ancient scenery, the history and locality of the east side of Edo or Tokyo.

Tokyo Sky Tree Outline of Facilities

- Height of Tower: 634m

* Section to be extended is the gain tower for installing antennas etc. above the Observatory Deck 2.

- Facilities:

Observatory (First Observatory at 350m and Second Observatory at 450m), broadcasting facilities, stores, restaurants, etc.

- Operating Body: TOBU TOWER SKYTREE Co., Ltd.

- Development Schedule:

July 2008	Commencement of work
December 2011	Completion of construction (scheduled)
Spring 2012	Inaugural opening (scheduled)