Policies for Green Tokyo, Japan

Background

Tokyo is the largest city of Japan, having a population of 13.5 million, as of 2015. The population density of the city is 6,158 per sq. km., which makes it the densest city in Japan and one of the densest cities in the developed world. The green cover in the city is considerably low at 2.9 sq. m. / capita, which comprises a meagre 10% of the city area (refer fig. below). Hence, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government initiated a 10-year policy called Green Tokyo. The green initiatives is also aimed at controlling urban flooding in the city and countering the heat island effect.

Strategies and Interventions

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government aims to develop a green network based on the street network. The green vision includes:

- Formation of a ‘green road network’ connecting large-scale plots of greenery with roadside trees.
- Creation of a green island in Tokyo as large as the Imperial Palace’s grounds.
- Creation of a green space with a size of 1,000 ha.
- To double roadside trees in Tokyo to 1 million.

Additional/ Further information:

- Basic Policies for the 10-Year Project for Green Tokyo: https://slidelegend.com/basic-policies-for-the-10-year-project-for-green-tokyo_59d068761723dd4205b4e309.html