41．メルボルンのメディカル緑化活動(2)：構造理解

　One creative approach to maintenance through community involvement was implemented

in Melbourne, Australia.　The city adopted the unique scheme of encouraging its citizens

to befriend local trees to improve the ecology of the city.　The idea was that

if citizens had a deeper connection with the neighborhood trees, the city would be more proactive

in implementing policies and programs to take better care of their trees.

When citizens get involved in taking care of the community's trees, it shows their local government

that the natural urban ecology is valuable to them.

　Melbourne took a digital approach to community involvement with its trees.

The city gave each tree in a designated area an identification code.　People can help monitor the trees

by alerting local officials via email if there are any problems with a specific tree.　This project,

called the Urban Forest Visual, includes a map which shows each tree's age, species, and health status.

If a tree has any work performed on it, like branches being trimmed,

this information is also made available.　Through email communication and status updates

on the tree map, residents are able to stay informed, and the trees can be kept in a healthy condition.

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