**YOKOHAMA Support to Botanic Gardens in Düsseldorf**

3rd November 2015

A group of YOKOHAMA representatives supported an environmental activity at the Düsseldorf Botanic Gardens at the weekend.

As customary for a number of years, staff from YOKOHAMA in Europe, led by its environmental group, always lend a helping hand in clearing out areas which need some attention at the garden. Specialists from the Botanic Gardens also provide a briefing as to the work to be conducted and offer an insight into some of the valuable research projects they are currently undertaking. On this occasion in addition to helping cleaning some areas, YOKOHAMA staff members planted specific areas with a selection of perennials, which will assist in various research projects. Of particular interest is the research that will be conducted on wild flowers and the link to honey bees.

The “Botanischer Garten” Düsseldorf, also known as the “Botanischer Garten der Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf”, is a botanical garden of 8 hectares maintained by the University of Düsseldorf.

The garden was established in 1974 and currently contains about 6000 species, with a focus on plants of temperate climates. Additionally it has a greenhouse which includes a central dome (approximately 1000 m², height 18 metres) – accommodating around 400 species from the Mediterranean region and Canary Islands, and also from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa, Chile, and California.