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Sojitz Corporation  
Sojitz General Property Management Corporation

**Sojitz Group Enters Daycare Management Business**  
～Supporting the Active Participation of Women in the Workplace～

Sojitz General Property Management Corporation (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; representative director: Takeshi Umeda; “SGPM”), a Sojitz Group company, announced that they have acquired full ownership of daycare management company Angelica Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Meguro-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yoshikazu Sudou; “Angelica”). This is SGMP’s first foray into daycare management, and the company now plans to open more day care centers, primarily in the Tokyo metropolitan area.

Angelica began their daycare management business in 2004, which provides high-quality preschool education with a strong emphasis on five themes: “farm,” “nutrition,” “English,” “storybook,” and “rhythm.” In this way, they aim to develop children’s self-respect, independence, creativity, and ability to cooperate. They currently have 15 day care centers within Tokyo’s 23 wards (nine authorized day care centers and six licensed day care centers).



SGPM, on the other hand, has been managing buildings and condominiums primarily in Tokyo and Osaka, and they are now planning to develop a general life solutions company which will provide a wide range of high value-added services to the people who work and live in their properties.

As a member of Sojitz Group, Angelica will aim for functional collaboration with the Group's domestic real estate business, augmenting the services of this business and creating new day care centers in Tokyo.

As more and more women have entered the workforce in recent years, the increasing number of children waitlisted for daycares has become a serious problem for the capital. Sojitz Group plans to utilize their functions as a general trading company to steadily construct new day care centers each year, in areas with high demand for day care services. Through this day care management business, Sojitz will contribute to creating a society which enables guardians to both work and raise children, as well as facilitates the healthy growth of the children who will carry the future of Japan.

[Company Overview – Angelica Co., Ltd.]

Established	November 2004
Head Office	1-6-20 Shimomeguro, Meguro-ku, Tokyo Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Meguro Building 5F
Representative Director	Yoshikazu Sudou
No. of offices	15 (authorized day care centers: 9; licensed day care centers: 6)
No. of Employees	362 (as of July 2016)
Main Business	Management of day care centers
URL	<a href="http://www.angelica-nsy.net/">http://www.angelica-nsy.net/</a>

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## Angelica Nurseries' Mission and Vision

### 3 Missions



### 4 Core Character Traits

Develop children's self-confidence by giving them opportunities to recognize others, accept love, feel valued, and be listened to.

Self-respect

Cooperation

Develop children's consideration for others and sense of purpose within the group.

Emphasize each child's unique strengths in an environment which fosters self-initiative.

Independence

Creativity

Provide support to draw out each child's potential.

### 5-Point Education

Our nurseries operate according to a 5-point curriculum, designed to achieve our 3 Missions and develop the 4 Core Character Traits in children. In this way, we build children's future through preschool education focused on development of the heart, mind, and soul.

Farm



**Experiencing the cyclical connection between food and the farming process to develop children's zest for life**

Children grow the vegetables used in their school lunches in a huge 3ha plot of farmland in Hidaka, Saitama Prefecture. This is where children start to understand the importance of lunchtime. There are many of other events too: children have the opportunity to experience rice planting and reaping, as well as harvesting of summer vegetables. There are events in which guardians can participate too, such as potato harvesting.

Nutrition

**Developing the ability to enjoy, love, and show gratitude for the food we receive, focusing on the cycle of nutrition in our daily lives**

Children are led to think about who made the food on their tables. We believe that this is where gratitude begins. At Angelica, we teach children about nutrition by linking lessons with field trips to our company farm.

Rhythm

**Our original curriculum, "Angelica Rhythm," enriches the soul through freedom of self-expression**

Children are masters of expression. They are able to freely and fully express their thoughts and feelings through physicality. When it comes to self-expression, there's no right or wrong answer. The important thing is that it's fun. All activities in "Angelica Rhythm" belong to our original curriculum. Using upbeat music, we carefully foster children's individuality and capacity for creative expression.

Storybook

**Engaging with pictures to broaden their capacity for ideas, fostering children's imagination and sensitivity**

Everything children need can be found in storybooks: colors and shapes; letters and numbers; the imagination, listening ability, and concentration needed to understand a story; and the warmth and comfort which the storyteller provides. Angelica is a nursery which values the power of storybooks.

English

**Accepting people of different colors, languages, and cultures, to communicate through empathy**

Rather than a program to teach children vocabulary or grammar, our English program aims to build acceptance of people of different colors, languages, and cultures through empathy. The children learn to accept the teacher and look forward meeting them each time.