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IFERC Site 4th Anniversary BBQ Party in Mutsu-city

As one of the annual events of the International Fusion Energy Research Center (IFERC) site, 4th anniversary BBQ party was held in Hayagake Lakeside Park in Mutsu-city on 25th June 2011. The park is located about 3 km north from the center of Mutsu-city, and is surrounded by a beautiful lake and a forest. Wooden lodges are distributed in a camping site near the lake. Although June is the rainy season in Japan, the weather was beautiful on that day. The rain stopped in the morning, and the BBQ party started at 1:00 PM under the blue sky.

About 50 people including European scientists and their families participated in the party. The BBQ was prepared by Mr. T. Kikuchi, Mr. N. Hosokawa and their colleagues. They also brought a lot of drinks; beer, wine, sake, liquor and soft drinks. Mr. Y. Okumura opened his 'Tempura' shop, where fresh vegetable Tempura was served for free! A hand-made ham prepared by Mr. S. Ohira was also excellent. A special BBQ was served by Mr. H. Matsumoto in the evening. He had bought the highest class beef in Takko-town, famous for good beef and garlic. He baked a block of the beef with salt and pepper. This was fantastic.

After most of the participants went back to their homes, 11 men and 2 women remained in the lodges and spent a night. Some of them visited the center of Mutsu-city in the evening and returned back the camping site by taxi at midnight after enjoying the night life of Mutsu. "Drinking for 12 hours is a tough job", one of them said.



BBQ under the blue sky



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