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Local

BBQ Party

On 20th June, a BBQ Party was held in Hayagake Lakeside Park in Mutsu-city. It is one of the get-together events of the IFERC site, 8th in the series. The park is nearby a lake and in a forest, located 3 km north from the downtown Mutsu, one-hour drive from Rokkasho. The weather was fine; exceptionally good in the middle of the usually rainy season of June.

The BBQ party started around 1 pm under a clear blue sky. About 50 colleagues and family members joined. The Party was organised by Okumura-san, Kikuchi-san and young Shimada-san. Okumura-san reopened his shop, serving freshly fried vegetable tempura. The roast-beef prepared by Mori-san was also excellent. Other participants brought special dishes, favorite beverages or home-made desserts to share. Sharing local sake and foreign wine was also fun. After everybody filled their stomach and quenched their thirst, it was time for a suikawari (watermelon splitting) game. Its rules are similar to those of the piñata. A watermelon is laid out, and participants attempt one after another to smash it open. Each person is blindfolded, spun around a few times and handed a stick to strike with (see the picture below).



About 20 people stayed overnight in wooden lodges in the park. People had a lot of fun and it was an excellent opportunity to get together and make new friends.



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