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Notice regarding the “Sukayu Onsen Bathing Clothes Day” as part of *Thinking of the Mixed-Gender Bath in 10 Years Project.*

(From Towada-Hachimantai National Park Office, the Ministry of the Environment)

While mixed-gender bath, where you can relax beyond the boundaries of gender, is an important onsen culture in Japan, it has been slowly but surely disappearing. Towada-Hachimantai National Park, located far north of mainland of Japan, is one of few areas where you can find the traditional culture.

As mixed gender bath is rare today, the number Japanese people who feel embarrassed, feel confused, or even avoid it, is increasing, especially among women and young people. In order to keep this culture to the next generations, it is time to consider effective solutions.

This year, we will conduct a survey and implement Bathing Cloth Day at Sukayu Onsen, Aomori Prefecture, aiming to realize a mixed-gender bath that is easy for not only women but also sexual minorities and foreign tourists to enjoy. This is an initiative of the SDGs, and through this project, we will work to deepen the value of mixed-gender bath and inherit the vanishing culture.

On the Bathing Clothes Day, everyone who enters the mixed-gender bath in Sukayu Onsen is required to wear bathing clothes to cover your body. This will provide opportunities for people who have avoided mixed bathing and who cannot take time to relax. This is an attempt to inherit the mixed-gender bath that is loved by everyone in the future.

“Sukayu Onsen Bathing Clothes Day” (Five Days Only)

In the mixed-gender “Hiba Sennin Buro” of Sukayu Onsen, everyone (both men and women) is required to wear bathing clothes on the listed five days. During this time, you cannot soak in the bath without wearing it.

Date; 19th(Fri), 21st (Sun), 23rd (Tue/holiday), 25th(Thu), 27th (Sat) November

Hour; 10:00 am to 3:00 pm all day *It will finish when bathing clothes distributed on the day

Fee: Normal day visitor bathing fee (1,000 yen / person)

Free rental of bathing clothes

Remarks: Swimwear or your own bathing clothes are not allowed (one purchased at the Sukayu store is allowed)

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