



Cast and Staff of the film “Tsurikichi Sanpei”

【Cast】

Sanpei MIHIRA :

Kenta SUGA

Gyoshin AYUKAWA :

Takashi TSUKAMOTO

Aiko MIHIRA :

Yu KASHII

【Original author】

Takao YAGUCHI

He debuted as a cartoonist in 1969, at the age of 30, which was rather late at the time. The representative (His most acclaimed) work is “Tsurikichi Sanpei” .

【Director】

Yojiro TAKITA

Since his directorial debut in 1981, he has released many acclaimed comedies. In 2008, “Departures” won the best picture award and the best director award at Japan Academy Prize, and then continued to win the best foreign language film award at the American 81st Academy Awards.



Gojome Road Map The film “Tsurikichi Sanpei” shooting sites tour in Babame district

he story behind the film “Tsurikichi Sanpei”

Regardless of the fact that eighty percent of Gojome is covered by beautiful forests, the reason why the town was selected as the shooting place of the film “Tsurikichi Sanpei” was not only its gorgeous scenery. When the film director, Mr. Yojiro TAKITA, was looking for housing suitable to shoot as Sanpei’ s home, Mr. YAGUCHI, the original author, brought him to Kita-no-mata Village in Gojome.

The director instantly knew it was the right place. In fact, the old house with thatched roof used as Sanpei’ s home was about to be torn down in several days when the director inquired about using the place for the movie. Fatefully, the old house was saved for the filming of the movie. Another intriguing story behind the making of the movie was that it turned out that Mr. Konno, the owner of the house, was from the same neighborhood where Mr. YAGUCHI boarded as a young student.



Driving Course of “Tsurikichi Sanpei” shooting sites in Babame, Gojome

“Tsurikichi Sanpei” is a cartoon written by Takao YAGUCHI, who was born in Yokote, Akita.

“Tsurikichi” stands for being crazy about fishing. The story is about Sanpei, a boy who is in love with fishing so much that he adventures all over the world on various kinds of fishing challenges.

The series first started in 1973 and was continued for ten years. Responding to the requests of devoted fans, it has been revived since 2002. The masterpiece has the reputation of being the Gold Standard in cartoons that describe nature’ s richness. It was published in Korea, Taiwan, and in Italy -- where the original song was made.

“Tsurikichi” is a reenactment of the author’ s childhood. That is why the fish illustrated in the cartoon are very realistic, because the author actually caught them.

“The Phantom Fish,” however, was pure imagination. The explicit descriptions about fishing techniques make the cartoon a useful introduction for fishing beginners as well.

Introduction to tourist destinations

1 Nekobari Rock

In the movie, Nekobari Rock can be seen on the way to go to Yanaki Valley, a legendary fishing spot. Since a tall tree grows on the rock and numerous roots cover the bottom of the rock so securely, the name Nekobari indicates these roots are inseparable from the rock.

2 Sanpei's House (Kita-no-mata Village)

This is a hundred-year-old house that people actually lived in. The house is preserved in its original form except for a few minor changes, such as exchanging the sashes.

3 Farmer's Restaurant "Seiryu-no-mori"

The restaurant serves you dishes with seasonal mountain vegetables and special local vegetables. You can enjoy their homely interiors made out of local Japanese cedar.
(Closed from December to March)
TEL:018-852-2577

4 Banjoan

This is a self-catering accommodation that allows a limited stay of one group per night. This facility is a restored old folk house with thatched roof, and you can enjoy irori - a fireplace in the middle of the living room floor - and other typical lifestyle accoutrements of the mountain village.
(Closed from December to March)

5 Michi-no-Eki (a roadside rest station)

This rest stop is located by Route 285. The local food station "Yuki no kuni Gojome" within the site offers fresh seasonal mountain vegetables, mushrooms, and other local vegetables at reasonable prices. You can also enjoy ice creams with local ingredients and udon, noodle made of wild yam. Local souvenirs for shopping and tourist information around the facility are also available.

6 Gojome Castle

Gojome Castle is located in the Moriama Forest Park and is a historical landmark of the town. Inside the castle is a museum where you can learn about the instruments of forestry and see historical pictures of foresters, blacksmiths and coopers. Along the pathway that encompasses the Castle, there are several statues of Kannon, and the stone monuments numbered from 1 to 33 in the order corresponding to goeika, chanting poetry.

7 Kubo district

There was a settlement of blacksmiths called "Doyaza," which is considered to be the earliest industry developed in Gojome. The temple bell made at Doyaza is designated as one of Gojome's cultural assets.

8 Taisyaku-ji (Taisyaku Temple)

Although the temple has been abolished, the name remains as a neighborhood name. Please notice the Japanese cedar by prefecture route 15. This was designated as a natural monument to Taisyaku-ji and stands at the original entrance of the path to the abolished Temple.

9 Babame district Machi-mura

This district is said to be the birthplace of the morning market in Gojome. There is a monument in Choson Park.



Experiences along Shooting Sites of
"Tsurikichi Sanpei"

Two major hot springs in Gojome



1 Yu-no-ko-shi-no-yado (Yunokoshino Inn)

These sulfurous hot springs are good for a therapeutic bath. Mineral hot baths are scarce in the central Akita area.

The abundant spring has various benefits.

☉ Everyday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

☎ 018-854-2683

📍 25-6 Ushiroda, Asaminai, Uchikawa



2 Akakura Lodge

The alkaline cold spring is said to renew your skin and is asserted to be what generates Akita beauties. This spot is particularly popular in spring.

☉ Everyday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

☎ 018-854-2989

📍 9-7 Nametara, Nakatsumata, Futsunai

Bus terminal



2 Sanpei's House (Kita-no-mata Village)



5 Michi-no-Eki (a roadside rest station)



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