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From the Editor

Iwaki has the somewhat unique charm of having a strong sense of community whilst also offering the benefits of a small city. Yumoto is one area in particular where you can feel this sense of community, with many friendly locals eager to help anyone including foreign tourists.

If you find yourself lost in Yumoto, you don't have to fear. There is a convenience store right in front of the train station that not only offers Iwaki souvenirs, goods and local gourmet products, but can also help you find the way to your destination or even attempt to stop a departing train for you.

Chigako Kobayashi is the manager of the Wai Wai Shop and she shared with me some interesting tales about some of the travellers she has encountered at her store. There was one who had mistakenly come all the way to Yumoto when their original destination was Hakone-Yumoto in Kanagawa Prefecture. Apparently she also tried to get a train conductor to stop for another group of tourists who were about to miss their train. She says she can't speak English, but that won't stop her from doing all she can to help out troubled foreigners and leave them with a better impression of Iwaki as a result.

If you're unfortunate enough to mistake Iwaki-Yumoto with Hakone-Yumoto, please take the time to stop by and say hello to the friendly staff at Wai Wai before your next train. They might even convince you to spend your time in Iwaki's Yumoto instead!



Aloha shirts and other Iwaki souvenirs for sale at the Wai Wai Shop

- Ben

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