① Kondo (Main Hall)



Please enter and pray inside of the Kondo. The Kondo built in 1992, is the center of the temple ground and various ceremonies are held here.
It is made of natural Japanese Hiba cypress produced in Aomori prefecture. Behind the alter is a passage where a large Buddhist picture, "Amida Shoju Raigozu painting (Descent of Amida and Heavenly Multitude)" is displayed. It is a copy of the national treasure in Mt. Koya and is overwhelming.

② Karesansui-sekitei (Bouki-tei)



Bouki-tei seen from a left passage of Kondo is impressive. It expresses the sea and pond using stones of big and small, moss, and sand crest.
Also, it expresses the natural great life in harmony with nature and vegetation around it. Isolated from noises, let's immerse ourselves in this serene atmosphere which will give you peace and healing.

④ Mizuko-jizo (Jizo for unborn children)



As you proceed along the green corridor, a large number of pinwheels on the right slope will catch your eye. The pinwheels whirl briskly in the breeze. They are traditional toys for children. These are for unborn children to console their souls.

⑤ Bokeyoke Kannon

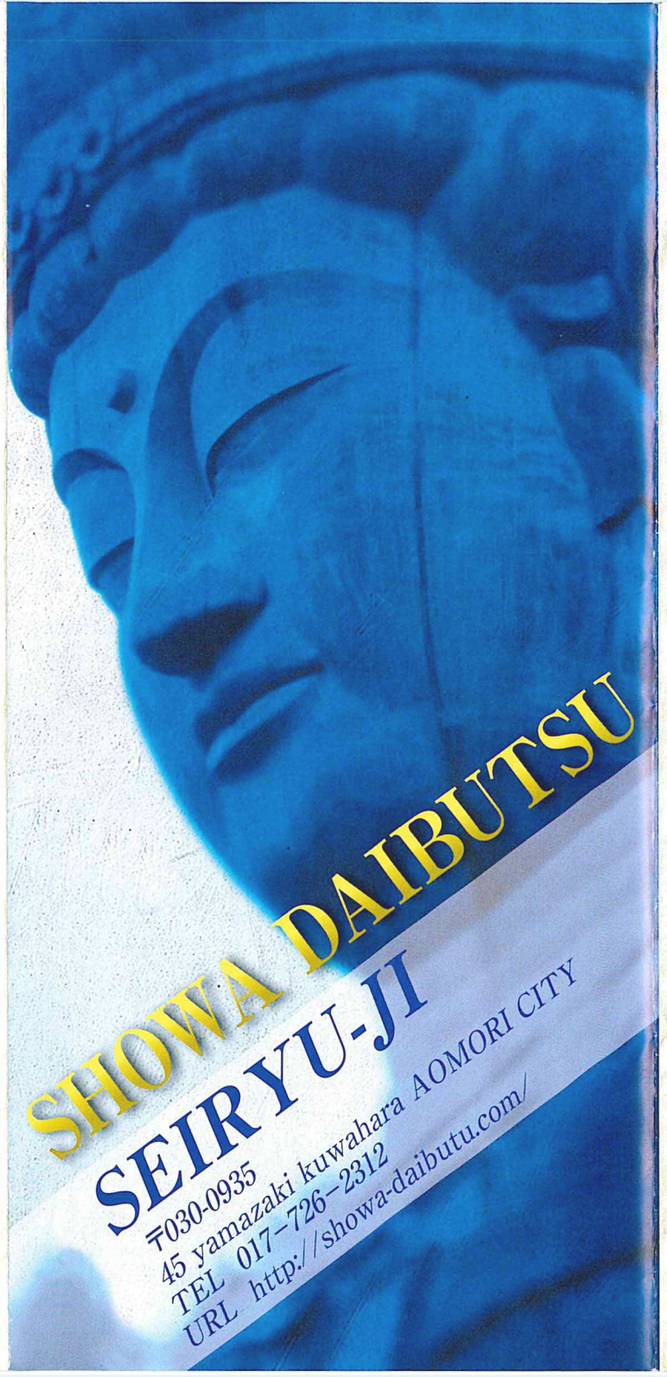


Soon after passing the small waterfall, there is a statue of Kannon on your left. Japan boasts the world's highest longevity rate. This Kannon will grant the old people's wish to lead a long healthy life without dementia and their children's help.

⑥ Showa Daibutsu (Showa Great Buddha)



At the end of the green corridor the great statue comes into view. It is the tallest bronz sitting statue in Japan. (21 meters) The size is taller than the Daibutsu of Nara.(15.5 meters)
The statue is Dainichi Nyorai, the central Buddha of the highest rank of mandala (Buddhist world). It is virtue and symbol of the truth of the universe. You are able to see the inside of the pedestal of the Daibutsu.



Seiryu-ji Temple

Seiryu-ji had started from open moor and forest since around 1978 and it is the new temple founded in 1982. The religious background is the Shingon sect..

Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the middle of the 6th century. There is a history that the former emperors and royal families have devoted to Buddhism as the temples in Nara and Kyoto are the representatives. There is saying that "If people have no Buddhism mercy in their minds, they will be disturbed and at the same time if there is no Buddhism, the country will be devastated." Based on this saying, Japan has governed the people based on teachings of Buddhism. Good spirit, such as diligence, hard work, and effort of the Japanese people, has become a major driving force for the postwar recovery of Japan. However, the fact that recent Japanese have lack of religious mind is intolerable. It has made a futile society of a lot of desire, competition, and crime. And the disturbance of people's minds is obvious in Japan.

Ryuko Oda, the founder of Seiryu-ji temple (1914~1993) said "The good spiritualism of the Japanese cherished by the instruction of Buddhism has been disappeared. The main reason is that the economic supreme principle and the utilitarianism has become the main values since post war time. In other words, the era has become "More money, less peace of minds."" He thought that Japan could not recovery without the true Buddhism teachings. So he made a wish to Buddha to build "Showa Daibutsu(Showa Great Buddha) as its symbol.

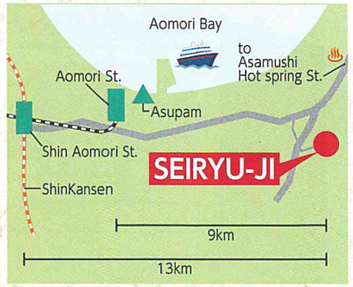
Collecting donation to build the Daibutsu was hard but Ryuko travels throughout the nation and missionize and his pupil went about asking for alms to collect donation. As a result, many people across the nation who were moved by the Ryuko's calling to follow the true Buddhism teachings made donaiton to build it. Daibutsu was built in 1984. It took 5 years to complete. Kondo (Main Hall) was built in 1992 and Ryuko passed away next year (1993). After his death, Ryushin took over his will. And now Ryugen, the current priest, took over Ryuko's will and Ryugen built Five-Storied Pagoda, Daishido, and other buildings. The temple itself with amazing natural view preaches to us in a silent manner and comforts visitors.

◆Access

TAXI from JR AOMORI STATION
about ¥3,000 25min

TAXI from JR SHIN AOMORI STATION about ¥4,500 30min

Citybus JR AOMORI STATION
TRACK No.3 "Showa DAIBUTSU"
¥560 45min



◆Admission fee

Adult / ¥400
Student / ¥200



③ Five-Storied Pagoda

A stupa for enshrining Buddha's remains in ancient India was brought into Japan along via China and the Korean peninsula. It is the origin of Five-Storied Pagoda. It shows the wooden historic building beauty which is peculiar to Japan. The five-storied pagoda at To-ji in Kyoto is 55 meters high and the highest wooden pagoda in Japan. This temple's five storied pagoda is 39.5 meters high and the 4th highest of Japan.
It expresses the great life and view of universe in Buddhism which are the five elements consisting of earth, water, fire, wind, and sky.

⑦ Daishido



The vermillion hall is Kobo-Daishi-do. It enshrines Kobo-Daishi (Ku-kai, the founder of Shingon sect.).

⑧ Kaizando

It enshrines Ryuko, the first chief priest.

Route

⑥ Showa Great Buddha

Seiryu no Taki

Enmei Jizo
Mizukake Jizo
Mizuko Jizo
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Five-storied pagoda

③ Boukitei observation point

Boukitei
②

Kondo
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Kaizando

Bokeyoke Kannon
⑤

Shorodo
(Bell tower)

Temizuya

Cafe & Soba restaurant Sensin-An

Syakyo Dojo

Shoin

Bato Kannon
(hayagrīva)

Entrance at the back of Daibustu

Gomado

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Gokurakubashi

Daishido

Suigatei

Chumon



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