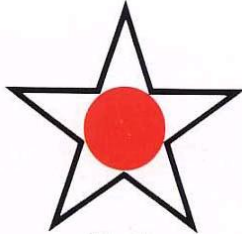


***OVERVIEW OF
ASAHIKAWA CITY
ADMINISTRATION 2014***



The History of Asahikawa City's Insignia:
The insignia of the city was officially introduced on
June 29, 1911.

ASAHIKAWA CITIZENS' CHARTER

The Asahikawa Citizens' Charter was enacted on September 20, 1960.

We shall feel a sense of responsibility and take pride in our status as citizens of Asahikawa, and with the charter in hand, strive to build a better city.

1. We shall work hard and create happy households.
2. We shall treat others with kindness and build a warm society.
3. We shall obey rules and make our street orderly and cheerful.
4. We shall love the nature around us and make our city beautiful.
5. We shall foster our culture and make our hometown vibrant and strong.

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1. OVERVIEW OF ASAHIKAWA

Sep.20,1890	Three villages – Asahikawa, Kamui and Nagayama – founded in Kamikawa County.
Jul.16,1898	Kamikawa Railway Line between Takikawa and Asahikawa opened.
Oct.30,1901	The 7 th Division Headquarters of old Japanese Army was moved to Asahikawa from Sapporo.
Jan.25,1902	The lowest temperature in Japan was recorded at– 41.0°C (– 41.8°F)
Apr.1,1902	Municipal designation changed from "village" to "town".
Aug.1,1922	Municipal designation changed from "town" to "city".
Jul.15,1950	Great Hokkaido Development Exposition was held.
Jul.1,1966	Asahikawa Airport opened. Service to Tokyo started.
Jul 1, 1967	Asahiyama Zoo opened
Aug.7,1970	Population of Asahikawa exceeds 300,000.
Jun.1,1972	Heiwa Dori Shopping Street (first vehicle-free street in Japan) opened.
Sep.29,1973	National Asahikawa Medical College founded.
Mar.21,1981	The 1 st International Vasa Ski Competition in Asahikawa (approved by FIS) held.
Aug.7,1989	Temperature recorded at 36°C (96.8°F), the highest in the history of the Asahikawa.
Mar.18,1990	His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden visited Asahikawa to participate in the 10 th Vasa Ski Competition.
Sep.20,1990	Asahikawa's 100 th Anniversary Ceremony held.
Oct.30,1990	Hokkaido Express Way (Fukagawa – Asahikawa-Takasu) opened.
Apr.1,2000	Asahikawa approved as a core city.
Jul.18,2003	Hokkaido International Airline (Air Do) "Asahikawa – Haneda flight" put into service.
Jun.8,2006	The first regular international flights at the Asahikawa Airport started (between Asahikawa and Seoul, Korea.)
Mar.27,2007	In FY 2006, the Asahiyama Zoo surpassed the 3,000,000 visitor per year mark (3,040,650) for the first time.
Aug.1,2007	Commencement of household garbage collection charges
Oct.31,2008	50 th Anniversary of the completion of the Main City Hall Building
Sep.26,2010	The 120th Anniversary of the Founding of Asahikawa Commemoration Ceremony.
Oct.9-11,2010	– Holding of "Furusato (Hometown) - Bounty of the North Food Festival" as part of the 120th Anniversary of the Founding of Asahikawa commemorative events.
Dec.10,2010	Enactment and Enforcement of Asahikawa City Council Basic Ordinances
Apr 1, 2011	Eiryobashi-bridge street (Hyotenbashi-bridge/Kitasaitobashi-bridge) opened.
Jun.24,2011	"Feeeal" Asahikawa opens for business at the premises of the former Marui-Imai Department Store.
Nov.23,2011	Opening of the new JR Asahikawa Station building
Sep.3,2012	Opening of Asahikawa City Animal Welfare Center, "Animaaru."
Apr.18,2013	Signing of a pact to promote friendship exchange by City Councils of Asahikawa and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.
Nov.1, 2013	Showa Dori (Crystalbashi bridge) opened.
Nov.21, 2013	Giraffe and Hippopotamus observation facilities opened at Asahiyama Zoo.
Mar.25, 2014	Enactment of basic ordinance for Asahikawa City development plans
Apr.17, 2014	Signing of an agreement to furnish Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk City Council Assembly Hall with Asahikawa's furniture

(2) Location (City Hall)

E. Long. 142°22' 04", N. Lat. 43°46' 07"

(3) Area

747.60 square kilometers

(4) Population & Households (as of March 31, 2013)

347,799 (A decrease of 1,533 from the previous year.)

175,817 Households

Population density (persons/km²): 465.2

(5) Population Trend (As of March 31, each year)

Year	Population	Increase/Decrease (%)	Index
2012	350,511	0.0	100.0
2013	349,332	- 0.3	99.7
2014	347,799	-0.4	99.2

(6) Population by Age Groups (As of April 1, 2014)

Category	Population	Component Ration (%)
Total	347,799	100.0
Under 15 Years old	40,380	11.6
15 – 64	207,542	59.7
65 or older	99,876	28.7

(7) Employees by Industry (2010 National Census)

Category	Number of employees	Component Ratio (%)
Total	154,253	100.0
Primary Industry	4,155	2.7
Secondary Industry	26,209	17.0
Tertiary Industry	117,667	76.3
Others	6,222	4.0

(8) Weather Conditions (2013)

Temperature: Highest 33.6°C (92.3°F)

Lowest – 21.2°C (– 6.2°F) Average 7.2°C (45°F)

Average Humidity: 77% Rainfall: 1,185.5mm

Deepest snowfall: 108cm

Snowfall for the year: 576cm

*The deepest snowfall and snowfall data is for the cold season (Aug. 2012 – Jul. 2013).

(9) Municipal Declarations

"Safe City" Declaration, February 1962

"Peaceful City" Declaration, May 1983

"Healthy City" Declaration, October 1990

"Longevity City" Declaration, March 1998

(10) City Symbols

City Tree: Nanakamado (Rowan)

City Flower: Tsutsuji (Azalea)

City Bird: Kirenjaku (Waxwing)

City Insect: Kantan (Japanese tree cricket)

(11) Sister Cities

Bloomington/Normal, Illinois, USA

(Affiliations with Bloomington from October 1962, and with Normal from July 1987)

Suwon, Korea (October 1989)

(12) Friendship Cities

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia (November 1967)

Harbin, China (November 1995)

(13) City Council Exchange (Signing of a pact)

With Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk City Council, Russia (April 18, 2013)

2. CITY COUNCIL

(1) Number of Councilors (As of June 30, 2014)

Regulation number of councilors: 34

Current membership: 36

(Decided by city regulation, March 25, 2014)

(2) Councilors by Political Party (As of July 31, 2014)

Liberal Democratic Party: 7 Komeito: 5

Democratic Party of Japan: 6 Japan Communist Party: 4

Independent: 14

(3) City Council Meetings (2013)

1st Regular Meeting – 33 days (Feb. 21 to Mar. 25)

1st Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day (Apr. 10)

2nd Extraordinary Meeting – 3 days (May 15 to May 17)

2nd Regular Meeting – 10 days (Jun. 19 to Jun. 28)

3rd Regular Meeting – 25 days (Sep. 17 to Oct. 11)

4th Regular Meeting – 15 days (Dec. 4 to Dec. 18)

(4) Monthly Salaries for Councilors (Since January 1, 1995)

Chairperson: ¥625,000 Vice Chairperson: ¥555,000

Councilor: ¥515,000

In addition, term-end allowances are paid in June (1.85 x monthly) and December (2.0 x monthly).

Mayor: ¥1,050,000 Vice Mayor: ¥865,000

*For the period of Dec.1, 2009 ~ March 31, 2016, the Mayor and Vice Mayor's salaries will be reduced by 18% and 9% respectively.

(5) City Councilor Political Affairs Research Expense:

¥ 80,000 per month each

(6) City Council Office (As of April 1, 2014)

Regulation number of employees: 21 Current employees: 21

(7) City Council Basic Ordinance

Enactment and execution of basic ordinance for Asahikawa City Council (December 10, 2010)

(8) Town Hall Meetings (Nov 11 to Nov 13, 2013)

Number of meeting places: 5 Total number of participants: 157

3. PUBLIC FINANCE

(1) Original Budget for FY 2014

Name of account	Budget (thousand yen)	Change from FY 2013 (%)
General account	156,200,000	100.3
National Health Insurance	42,215,873	99.6
Municipal zoo	1,370,057	68.3
Public parking lots	95,447	70.9
Education	82,604	120.2
Development around JR Station	2,529,326	140.2
Simple water-supply system	109,118	97.2
Agriculture area sewage	40,867	93.3
Insurance for care and assistance of the elderly	32,724,990	103.8
Loans, e.g. single-mother household welfare funds	135,609	109.5
Medical care for senior citizens	4,898,181	110.3
Total, Special accounts	84,202,072	101.9
Waterworks	11,027,598	114.3
Sewage	15,150,222	119.7
City hospital	17,352,321	116.2
Total, Enterprise accounts	43,530,141	116.9
Grand total	283,932,213	103.0

(2) Original Budget of General Account for FY 2014

REVENUE

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City taxes	39,600,000	25.4
Golf course usage fee subsidy	17,200	0.0
Automobile purchase tax subsidy	110,000	0.1
National facility subsidy	174,000	0.1
Local special subsidy	131,000	0.1
Local allocation tax	35,380,000	22.6
Traffic Safety Countermeasure special subsidy	69,000	0.0
Local transfer tax	1,228,000	0.8
Interest tax subsidy	98,000	0.1
Dividend tax subsidy	75,000	0.0
Capital gains tax subsidy	13,000	0.0
Local consumption tax subsidy	4,597,000	2.9
Sharing & allotted charges	1,098,667	0.7
Rental fees & commission fees	3,342,091	2.1
Treasury disbursements	33,931,225	21.8
Hokkaido Prefectural Government disbursements	7,947,939	5.1
City property income	660,392	0.4
Contributions	25,083	0.0
Money transferred from other accounts	1,623,832	1.1
Balance carried over from the previous year	1	0.0
Miscellaneous income	11,898,570	7.6
Public loans	14,180,000	9.1
Revenue Total	156,200,000	100.0

EXPENDITURES

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City Council	524,558	0.3
General affairs	5,664,414	3.6
Public welfare	66,446,131	42.5
Sanitation	9,990,078	6.4
Labor	140,056	0.1
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1,425,688	0.9
Commerce & industry	8,634,745	5.5
Public engineering	15,169,460	9.8
Fire-fighting	715,917	0.5
Education	10,237,120	6.6
Disaster restoration	1,200	0.0
Public debt	18,330,633	11.7
Expenses for city employees	18,870,000	12.1
Emergency fund	50,000	0.0
Expenditures Total	156,200,000	100.0

4. CITY EMPLOYEES

(1) Number of Employees (As of April 1, 2014)

Regulation number of employees: 3,024

Current number of employees: 2,866

(2) Salary and Age of Employees (As of April 1, 2014)

Average monthly salary of administrative employees:

¥313,664

Average age of administrative employees:

41.6 years old

5. SCHOOLS

Number of schools & students (As of May 1, 2014)

Educational facility	Number of facilities	Number of students
Kindergartens	32	3,093
Elementary Schools (Municipal)	56 (55)	16,437 (16,016)
Junior High Schools (Municipal)	30 (29)	8,749 (8,394)
Senior High Schools	14	9,323
Junior College, College of Technology & Universities	5	4,203
Special Needs Schools	3	182

6. ATHLETIC FACILITIES (As of April 1, 2014)

*Baseball diamonds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations

*Rubber-ball baseball diamonds: 23 diamonds in 10 locations

*Softball fields: 24 fields in 20 locations *Athletic fields: 1

*Gymnasiums: 6 *Ball game grounds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations *Soccer & rugby fields: 9 fields in 8 locations *Tennis courts: 25 courts in 4 locations *Rubber-ball tennis courts: 23 courts in 5 locations *Tennis & rubber-ball courts: 49 courts in 22 locations *Swimming pools: 5 *Skating rinks: 3 *Ski slopes: 3 *Ski-jump slopes: 2 slopes *Japanese archery ranges: 2

*Western archery range: 1 *Horse riding ground: 1 *Sumo wrestling ring: 1 *Judo hall: 1 *Gateball grounds: 59 grounds in 35 locations *Park golf courses: 351 halls in 16 locations *Ground golf courses: 2

All of the above are managed by the municipality of Asahikawa.

Gymnasiums include: Asahikawa Taisetsu Arena, Higashi

Community Gymnasium, and Workers Gymnasium. Skating rinks

include Asahikawa Taisetsu Arena. Soccer & rugby fields include

Ball game grounds.

7. ELECTIONS

Mayor & City Councilors

Type of election	Voting date	Number of voters	Voter turnout ratio (%)
Mayor	Nov. 7, 2010	293,200	49.33
Councilors	Apr. 24, 2011	290,389	44.59

8. NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

(1) Insurance ratios (FY 2014)

- *Allotment by income (medical treatment): 9.59%
- *Allotment by income (assistance support): 2.63%
- *Allotment by income (nursing care): 2.25%
- *Equalized allotment (medical treatment per capita): ¥22,690
- *Equalized allotment (assistance support per capita): ¥6,300
- *Equalized allotment (nursing care per capita): ¥6,490
- *Equalized allotment (medical treatment per household): ¥21,030
- *Equalized allotment (assistance support per household): ¥5,840
- *Equalized allotment (nursing care per household): ¥4,450

- (2) Maximum rate to be imposed (medical treatment): ¥500,000
(assistance support): ¥150,000
(nursing care): ¥120,000

(3) Status of affiliation (As of March 31, 2014)

- *Number of insured persons: 88,356 (percent insured 25.4%)
- *Number of insured households: 55,892 (percent insured 31.8%)

(4) Disbursal rate (FY 2013): 87.01%

9. MEDICAL FACILITIES (As of October 1, 2012)

Medical facility	Number of facilities	Number of sickbeds
HOSPITALS	41	7,444
National	2	912
CLINICS	441	698
General clinics	252	698
Dental clinics	189	–
Total	482	8,142

10. GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

General garbage (FY 2013)

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City's collection from homes (Recyclable garbage)	74,096.5 (16,905.6)
Garbage from businesses (Recyclable garbage)	35,153.4 (544.4)
Total (Recyclable garbage)	109,249.9 (17,450.0)

11. WELFARE

(1) RATIO OF AGED POPULATION (65 YEARS OLD OR OLDER)

Year	2005	2010	2012	2013	2014
Population ratio (%)	22.2	26.6	26.6	27.6	28.7

*Figures for 2005 and 2010 are taken from the national census of October 1, and figures for 2012, 2013 and 2014 are taken from the Basic Citizen's Registration of March 31.

(2) Number of persons classified Physically Disabled

Certificates: 18,415 (As of March 31, 2014)

(3) Number of persons classified Mentally Disabled (Learning Difficulties)

Certificates: 3,436 (As of March 31, 2014)

(4) Number of persons classified Mentally Disabled (Psychological Difficulties)

Certificates: 2,224 (As of March 31, 2014)

(5) Nursery schools (As of April 1, 2014)

*Number of nursery schools: 133

*Number of students: 6,754

(6) Number of single-mother households (As of April 1, 2014)

5,346 households

(7) Welfare (FY 2013)

*Welfare Dependent Households: 9,931

*Welfare Recipients: 13,702

*Welfare Recipient to Population Ratio: 39.2‰

12. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & FIRES

(1) Traffic Accidents

Year	Accidents	Fatalities	Injured
2013	977	8	1,167

(2) Fires (2013)

Fires Total: 95		Square meters Destroyed	Fatalities & Injured	
Building	Others	5,583 m ²	Fatalities	Injured
69	26		2	19

13. BUSINESS

(1) Enterprises & Sales (economic census 2012)

Category	Number of enterprises	Yearly sales (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Wholesale	832	53,253,231	61.5
Retail	1,978	33,347,536	38.5
Total	2,810	86,600,767	100.0

(2) Large-scale stores (As of April 1, 2014)

*Large-scale stores: 77 stores

*Area of large-scale stores: 417,416 m²

14. INDUSTRY

- (1) Number of enterprises & shipment amounts
(Enterprises with more than 4 employees, economic census 2012)

Category	Number of enterprises	Shipment amount (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Foodstuffs	92	5,004,154	29.8
Pulp, paper, paper goods	7	2,769,746	16.5
Metal products	59	1,077,580	6.4
Printing and related works	35	756,661	4.5
Textile	15	810,731	4.8
Beverage, tobacco, animal feed manufacturing	5	714,175	4.3
Furniture & woodwork	35	733,624	4.4
Others	129	4,924,515	29.3
Total	377	16,791,186	100.0

- (2) Industry park (Total of Part 1~3)
*Asahikawa Industry Park

Category / Area (ha)			Number of enterprises		
Developed land	Land for sale	Land sold	Within city	Outside of city	Total
97.4	79.3	79.3	121	39	160

15. TOURISM

*Number of tourists (FY 2013)

Category	Number of visitors
Number of tourists to Asahikawa	5,333,200
Number of tourists staying overnight	686,500
Number of tourists from abroad staying overnight	48,667

16. AGRICULTURE

(1) Farm population (As of February 1, 2010)

*Farm population: 2,050

(Working full-time on a farm for over 150 days in a year)

(2) Cultivated acreage: 11,394 ha (As of February 1, 2010)

Rice field: 9,724ha (85.3%)

Vegetable fields & orchards: 1,670ha (14.7%)

(according to 2010 Census for Agriculture and Forestry)

(3) Value of agricultural products (FY 2013):

¥13,636,583

*Agricultural products: ¥10,660,177,000 (78.2%)

*Livestock products: ¥2,976,406,000 (21.8%)

(4) Paddies - rice (FY 2013)

*Rice crop: 38,800 t

*Value of rice products: ¥7,713,440,000

(72.4% of total value of agricultural products)

(5) Crop conversion ratio (100 – rice paddy-field area / paddy-field area x 100)

41.7% (FY 2013)

17. ROADS & BRIDGES

(1) Current status of roads (As of April 1, 2014)

Route classification	Actual length (km)	Paved (km)	Pavement rate (%)
National roads	77.4	77.4	100.0
Prefectural roads	208.8	205.8	98.6
Municipal roads	2,142.3	1,822.2	85.1
Total	2,428.5	2,105.4	86.7

(2) Current status of bridges (As of April 1, 2014)

Bridges on different roads	No. of bridges	Permanen t bridges	Wooden bridges	Length (m)
National roads	35	35	0	4,542
Prefectural roads	130	130	0	8,228
Municipal roads	605	603	2	12,133
Total	770	768	2	24,903

18. RIVERS (As of April 1, 2014)

Classification	Managing authority	No. of rivers	Length (km)
1 st Class rivers	Construction Minister	7	95.4
	Hokkaido Governor	38	187.4
Applied river	City Mayor	3	4.1
Regular river	City Mayor	114	326.1
Total		162	613.0

19. CITY PLANNING

Zoning (As of May 1, 2014)

Zone classification	Area (ha)	Component ratio (%)
Urban development zones	7,957	26.5
Urban development transition zones	22,093	73.5
City planning zones	30,050	100.0

20. PARKS & AFFORESTATION

(1) Current status of parks (As of April 1, 2014)

Classification	Number of parks	Area (ha)
Municipal parks	373	712.89
Other parks	60	105.09
Total	433	817.98

*Municipal park area per person: 20.50 m²

*Park area per person: 23.52 m²

(2) Roadside trees (As of April 1, 2014)

Classification	Number of trees	Number of trees/ per 1,000 persons
National roads	24,209	70
Prefectural roads	26,286	76
Municipal roads	65,198	187
Total	115,693	335

The above includes large and mid-low trees such as rowans, ginkgoes, sycamores, maples, cherry blossoms and azaleas.

21. MUNICIPAL HOUSING (As of March 31, 2014)

Publicly managed housing: 4,638

Improved houses: 132

Special rent housing: 13

Municipal single housing: 2

Total: 4,785

22. AIR TRANSPORT (FY 2013)

Flight lines	Passengers embarking	Passengers disembarking	Total	Actually boarding (%)
Tokyo line	418,519	440,811	859,330	73.7
Kansai & Osaka line	16,683	11,679	28,362	58.4
Nagoya line	28,275	26,312	54,587	59.2
Narita Line	24,579	26,500	51,079	42.4
Domestic Total	488,056	505,302	993,358	69.6
Seoul line (Korea)	6,789	6,958	13,747	84.8
Taipei line (Taiwan)	38,233	39,129	77,362	81.0
Int'l Total	45,022	46,087	91,109	81.6
Other	5,072	5,912	10,984	-
Grand Total	538,150	557,301	1,095,451	-

**"Other" represents the total number of passengers that rode alternate/temporary flights and charter flights (international and domestic).

23. WATERWORKS

- (1) Percentage of extension: 93.8% (As of March 31, 2014)
(Population reached by water supply / administrative district population)
- (2) Water rate: (For home use per month)
¥1,020 up to 8m³; additional ¥143 for every 1m³ over 8m³

24. SEWAGE SYSTEM

- (1) Percentage of extension: 96.6% (As of March 31, 2014)
(Population able to dispose into sewer / administrative district population)
- (2) Percentage of flushing system: 96.5% (As of March 31, 2014)
(Population with flush toilets/disposal district population)
- (3) Usage rate (For home use per month)
¥1,096 up to 8m³; additional 156 for every 1m³ over 8m³



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