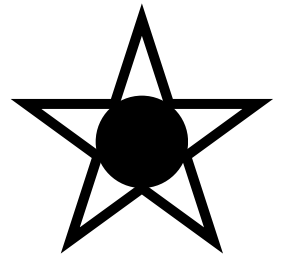


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Upcoming Events

Upcoming events and activities in Asahikawa and around Hokkaido

Korean Cooking Class

韓国料理教室

Come make some Dak-kalguksu (Korean chicken udon) and other Korean dishes with us!

Event Details

Date: 2/22/2025 (Sat)

Time: 10:30 AM-13:00 PM

Location: Tokiwa Shimin Hall

Registration Limit: 25 people

Lecturer: Suni Kwon

Registration : Call 0166-25-7491

Opens at 2/3



23rd Takikawa Kamibukuro Lantern Festival

第23回たきかわ紙袋ランターンフェスティバル

Check out some beautiful paper bag lanterns light the streets of Takikawa!

Event Details

Date: 2/22/2025 (Sat)

Time: 17:00 PM-20:00 PM

Location: Takikawa Station to Bell Road Area



Snow Festivals Throughout Hokkaido

The following listings are by the Nagayama Public Hall. Participate according to the provided dates.



Nayoro Snow Quality No.1 Festival

Date & Time: 2/7 (Fri) 12:00 PM~20:00 PM

2/8 (Sat) 9:00 AM~20:00 PM

2/9 (Sun) 9:30 AM~15:30 PM

Place: Former Toyonishi Elementary School Grounds, Nayoro

Activities: Snow rafting, snow mobile rides, local food stalls, banana boat ride, fireworks



55th Kitami Snow Festival

Date: 2/8 (Sat)~2/9 (Sun)

Time: 9:30 AM-16:00 PM

Place: Southern Multipurpose Plaza, Kitami City

Activities: Snow slides, local food stalls, stage performances, snow sculpture exhibit



62nd Monbetsu Drift Ice Festival

Date: 2/8 (Sat)~2/11 (Tues)

Time: 10:00 AM-20:00 PM

Place: Kaiyou Park, Monbetsu City

Activities: Ice sculptures made with natural ice, ice slides, and performances



Note that the above events are in Japanese.

All questions regarding them will be answered in Japanese

Asahikawa Winter Festival

One of Hokkaido's largest winter festivals



Event Details

Date: 2/6 (Thur) ~ 2/11 (Tues) **Time:** 9:00 AM~21:00 PM (Until 20:00 PM on the 2/11)

Location: Tokiwa Park (by Asahibashi) **Memo:** Shuttle Bus access available between the station and the event venue

What is the Asahikawa Winter Festival?

The Asahikawa Winter Festival is one of the largest winter event in all of Hokkaido. As the 2nd largest winter festival on the island, the festival features a large stage made of snow sculpted by Japan Ground Self Defence Force, an exhibition of ice and snow sculptures, fireworks show, food stalls, and many other attractions. The festival garners visitors from all over Hokkaido, Japan, and the world; allowing festivals to taste the local flavors of the city through its winter food market as well as fun attractions for people of all ages to enjoy.

Winter Festival Stage



Image and information sources from the official Asahikawa Winter Festival Website.

The theme for this year's Winter Festival stage is "Connection and Coexistence" with the slogan of "Connecting Asahikawa's Charm to the Future". This year's stage was designed by Hokkaido University of Education's (Asahikawa Campus Art Department) students and sculpted by the 2nd Division of the Japan Ground Self Defense Force. This year, with the Asahikawa Sweets Fair taking place from May to June, the design of the stage includes elements such as a sweets castle, the Sweets Fair Mascot "Shimae Daifuku", and various animals related to Asahikawa. On this stage, there will be various performances from idol groups and Japanese bands to comedians and v-tubers for festival go-ers to enjoy. This stage also comes with a balcony where visitors can enjoy a view of the festival from the top of the stage as well as a large snowslide for kids and adults to enjoy! There will also be fireworks showcased on 2/8 and 2/11 so be sure to come check out the stage to see a winter fireworks display!

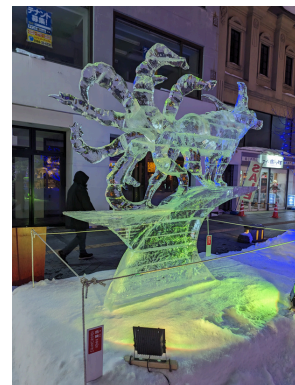
What is There to Do During the Festival?

Marvel at the Snow and Ice Sculptures

In addition to the stunning Winter Festival stage, the event features impressive snow sculptures created by local students, community groups, and businesses. Last year's festival showcased a range of designs, including sculptures inspired by the Dragon Quest, designs celebrating Asahikawa's sister cities, as well as fun characters like Spongebob, Kirby, and other anime favorites.



Besides the beautiful snow sculptures in the venue, the World Ice Sculpture Competition also coincides with the festivities. During the festival, various ice sculptors nationwide come to Asahikawa to demonstrate their craft at Heiwa Dori Shopping Street. At night, their sculptures are lit up alongside the illuminations to truly give the feeling of the winter festival.



A Winter Wonderland Experience



Asahikawa Winter Festival offers a wide range of activities for visitors to enjoy. Festival goers can enjoy the Hanyku Slider which is a long snow slide that starts from the top of the festival stage. This slide offers visitors not just a fun thrilling experience but also a spectacular view of Asahibashi. Besides the slide there are other activities such as riding the zipline, going through the snow maze, riding the snow banana and snow rafts, making snow men, and more. In addition to the plethora of activities available at the main venue, if you go to the free plaza inside Tokiwa Park, the Japan Chamber International has several activities for adults and children to enjoy such as dance performances, snow golf, and ice sculpting. With so much to do, the Asahikawa Winter Festival offers a full day of fun!