

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events and activities in Asahikawa and around Hokkaido

Events at the Asahikawa International Center



Korean Picture Book Live Reading.



韓国絵本の読み聞かせ

Listen to a live reading of a Korean picture book in Japanese! There will also be video playing the Korean audio in background.

Event Details

Dates: 11/9 (Sat)

Times: 13:30~

Location: Asahikawa International Center
(Feeeal Asahikawa 7F 1-jo-dori 8-chome)

Participant Limit: 20 people

Registration : From 10/21(Mon) . Register by going to the AIC or to contacting our number **0166-25-7491**

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Fun Fridays : (LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS)



Interesting activities such as quizzes, discussions, songs, games, handicrafts and much more, all in English! Come meet new people, relax and relate on Fun Friday! **Free for volunteer leaders fluent in English!** To volunteer for Fun Friday, please contact our center and request for John or Ishibe: **0166-25-7491**

Dates: Oct. 11th & 25th, Nov. 8th & 22nd, Dec. 13th & 27th

Times: 13:00pm-14:00pm ~Afternoon~ 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
18:30-20:30pm ~Evening~ 2nd Friday of the month

Location: Asahikawa International Center, Common Meeting Room (1)
(Feeeal Asahikawa 7F 1-jo-dori 8-chome)

Charge: ¥1,500 for 3 months (**Free for volunteer leaders**)



Guide

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Check out our website and social media for information regarding the center or any upcoming events!



For further information or to register for events, contact:

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67th Citizen's Culture Festival 第67回市民文化祭

Display of photos, art, etc., created by citizens at the Culture Center's East Gallery. There will also be children's creative works. At EN-RAY Hall, there will be performances of various genres.

Event Details

Date: 11/2 (Sat) - 11/3(Sun)

Location: Nayoro City Culture Center (Exhibition), EN-RAY Hall (Performances)

Contact: 01654-2-2218



Ainu Culture Appreciation Day アイヌ文化に親しむ日



An event to appreciate Ainu culture with storytelling, musical performances, and special exhibitions to help visitors understand and learn about Ainu culture.

Event Details

Date: 11/3 (Sun)

Time: 10:00~16:00

(event activities vary based on time)

Location: Asahikawa City Museum
(Kagura 3-jo 7-chome 1-45)

Contact: 0166-69-2004



Hokkaido Honmono & Christmas Village 北海道ほんもの&クリスマスヴィレッジ



It's a festival is a learning based entertainment event with workshops, music, and food; engaging all of your senses!

Event Details

Date: 11/9 (Sat)~11/10(Sun)

Time: 10:30~16:00

Location: Community Support Center CoCoDe
(Miyamae-1-jo 3-chome-30)

Participation Fee: Free

(Certain workshops may have fees)



3rd Adult Board Game Meeting 3回目のボードゲーム会



This event will be the third meeting of the Adult Board Game Club which is planned to be held every other month.

Event Details

Date: 11/10 (Sun)

Time: 10:00-17:00

Location: Asahikawa Hokusei Community Center
(Asahimachi 2-jo 8-chome)

Participation Fee: ¥100 (facility entrance fee)

Note: Participants are free to enter/exit anytime



Chanoyu ちゃのゆ

Learn about authentic Japanese traditional culture and art form through tea ceremony "sado"

Event Details

Date: Third Saturday of every month

Location: Kagura Community Center
(2 F Tatami Room) (Kagura 3-jo 6-chome)

Contact: 0166-54-3885 (Sato)

Participation Fee: ¥1,500



Christmas Wreath Making from Taisetsuzan Blessings 大雪山の恵みでクリスマスリース作り

Create original Christmas wreaths using natural materials gathered from the Daisetsu mountains for the Christmas season.

Event Details

Date: 11/24 (Sun)

Location: Higashikawa Town - Centre I

Contact: 0166-97-2153 (Asahidake Visitor Center)

Website: <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/tour/>

Asahikawa City Illumination Light Up 2024 街あかりイルミネーション2024年

Check out the christmas lights all throughout Heiwa-dori Shopping Street

Event Details

Date: 11/30 (Sat)

Time: 16:30-23:00

Location: Heiwa-dori Shopping Street



Hougechakai: Tea Ceremony 放下茶会



Experience authentic Japanese tea ceremony!

This authentic tea ceremony in Asahigaoka is a unique 40~50minute experience only for 500 yen!

Event Details

Date: 12/1

Time: 8:50~

Fee: ¥500

Location: Enshuryu Sado Joumyouan
(Asahigaoka 3-5-1, Asahikawa)

Contact for Reservation : 0166-55-7156 (Ogawa)



Note that the above events are in Japanese.

All questions regarding them will be answered in Japanese

November 2024 Calendar **EVENTS IN ASAHIKAWA**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Citizen's Culture Festival (Nayoro)
3 Citizen's Culture Festival (Nayoro) Ainu Culture Appreciation Day	4	5	6	7	8 FUN FRIDAY Afternoon & Evening	9 Hokkaido Honmono & Christmas Village
10 Hokkaido Honmono & Christmas Village Adult Board Game Tournament	11 Asahiyama Zoo Winter Opening	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 FUN FRIDAY Afternoon	23
24 Christmas Wreath Making	25	26	27	28	29	30



Asahikawa Airport Winter Holidays Exclusive Flight

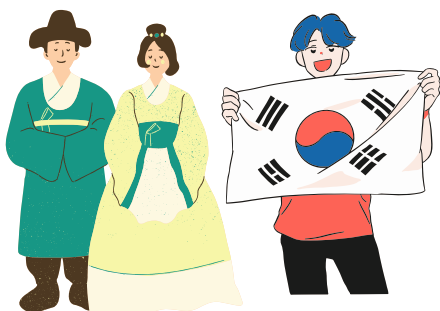
Referenced from Asahikawa Airport website and local news outlets



Asahikawa ↔ Nagoya

Operating Dates: 2024/12/25-2025/1/6

Destination: Chubu Centrair International Airport



Asahikawa ↔ South Korea

Operating Dates: 2024/12/19~2025/3/29

Location: Incheon International Airport

Note: On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday



NOTICE: Unless specified otherwise, most events will be conducted in Japanese.

Life in Asahikawa

Availing the Asahikawa International Center (AIC) Part 2

By John Mabilangan



The Asahikawa International Center is The center serves as a base for promoting multiculturalism in the community and advancing internationalization across the region. As a meeting point of foreign culture, this space offers local citizens, as well as foreign residents and visitors, the opportunity to interact and exchange experiences.

Taking Advantage of the Center's Services

The Asahikawa International Center provides a free study and cultural exchange space right at Feeel Asahikawa's 7th Floor. This facility caters to all ages and backgrounds; offering a space for those to do their work, relax, and even socialize.

About the User Card

The user card (利用カード・りようカード) is a card that can be used to access the Asahikawa International Center's services with ease. The center provides free Wi-Fi, rights to post on the bulletin board, as well as a library which patrons and visitors can use if they register for a user card. User cards can be created at the center's front desk simply providing a form of identification and filling out an application form. Once you have created the card, you are now able to use the various services that the center has to offer. If you ever forget your card during your visit, you can still access the center's services by consulting a staff member at the front desk.

Books, DVDs. and Many More!

Peek at the International Center and you can see its array of books, CDs, and DVDs available for user card holders to use! There are a variety of books available such as resources for Japanese language learning, English magazines, Korean story books, Chinese dictionaries, and many more! These books are available to anyone to parouse to their hearts content. Furthermore, these books will be available for rent! The user card can be used to borrow a registered book, CD, or DVD of their choice for as long as two weeks!

The Bulletin Board 9

The bulletin board is located right at the middle of the International Center which is used to advertise, notify, or announce various information for locals, visitors, and patrons of the center to see. The board could be used to advertise job recruitments, private lessons, language exchanges, and many more. To use the bulletin board, visit the center with your user card and fill out an application form! The bulletin board is especially handy for those looking to connect with Asahikawa's international community.

AIC Project Report

Friendship Party (Fall)

By the AIC



What Are Friendship Parties?

Friendship Parties are multicultural exchange event hosted by the Asahikawa International Committee, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and the Asahikawa International / City Relations Division's CIR (Coordinator for International Relations). In this multicultural exchange event, local Japanese and international residents residing in Asahikawa and its neighboring communities gather to connect and learn about each other's cultures in Japanese, English, and other languages.

Event Overview

Date: October 5, 2024 (Reiwa 6)

Time: 13:30~15:00

Attendance:

International Residents: 7

Japanese: 26

Total: 34

- America: 1
- Canada: 1
- Indonesia: 1
- Mongolia: 1
- Myanmar: 3

Event Summary

Participants primarily communicated in English or in Japanese. Participants were shuffled every 15 minutes in order to meet different people in each interval. There, international residents were able to practice their Japanese, connect with the local community, and learn more about Japan, Asahikawa, and Japanese culture while the local Japanese residents were able to practice their foreign language skills and learn about the life in other countries as well as perspective of international residents. To improve the Friendship Parties, the Asahikawa International Center is working on its outreach to invite more international residents in its events.



Useful Websites for Living in Asahikawa



asatan

<https://asatan.com/>



Genre: Food, Lifestyle, Travel, Local News

Details:

Asatan is your go-to local website for the latest updates on events, shops, restaurants, and activities in Asahikawa. Whether you're a resident or a visitor, Asatan provides comprehensive information on new places to explore, including a diverse range of dining options, cozy cafes, and exciting special events.

The site also features user-friendly guides and recommendations to help you discover hidden gems and popular attractions throughout the city. From seasonal festivals to art exhibitions and outdoor activities, Asatan keeps you informed about everything happening in Asahikawa. If you're looking to make the most of your time in the city, Asatan is the perfect resource for finding enjoyable experiences and memorable outings.

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Details:



<https://www.liner.jp/>

Liner is similar to Asatan; they both provide events, updates, and insights on what goes around Asahikawa. One clear difference is that Liner focuses more on events, activities, news and other variety of topics for Asahikawa as well as its surrounding areas.



Liner is your go-to resource for everything you need in the community! They offer a vibrant job board filled with local job opportunities and link you to their sister site, liner-jpb.net, for even more options. But that's not all—Liner also shares a handy calendar of events and lists available real estate properties in the area. Plus, there's a friendly bulletin board where you can post and find all sorts of local announcements, from recruitment ads to promotions and English language classes.

Whether you're looking for work, wanting to connect with the community, or just exploring life in Asahikawa, Liner makes it easy and fun to find what you need!

Easy Everyday Japanese

By John Daniel Mailangan

In your everyday life, you might encounter these common Japanese phrases. Though common, they tend to have some kind of deeper meaning embedded which might not be found in text books! Let's have a look at a few.

Japanese	Common English Translation	Meaning and Usage
よろしくお願ひします	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nice to meet you Thank you in advance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When it comes to meeting new people, this would mean "Please treat me well" or "I am looking forward to having good relations with you." In a work setting, this expression is closer to "Thank you (in advance)" and is used when asking someone to do a favor for you or to do some work for you. <p style="text-align: center;">EXAMPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> サム: このプリントを山田 (やまだ) さんに送 (おく) ってもらえませんか? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam: Can you send this print to Mr. Yamada for me? 鈴木 (すずき): いいですよ! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzuki: Sure thing! サム: よろしくお願ひします! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam: Thank you!
結構(けっこう)です	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Splended Nice Sufficient Quite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Japanese, this phrase is used to politely decline. It is impolite to directly say "いえ" or "no" directly so as an alternative, "結構です" would be more suitable for conversations especially when someone offers you something "I'm fine" or "No thank you" are the more appropriate meanings for this expression. 店員 (てんいん): 袋 (ふくろ) はいりますか? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store Clerk: Do you need a bag? ピーター: 結構 (けっこう) です。 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter: I'm fine. Thank you.
すみません	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excuse me I'm sorry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often used to apologize for causing trouble, making a mistake, burdening someone, making a request or to say thank you for someone who has done something for you. サム: これは鈴木さんからのプリントです。 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam: Here are some prints from Ms. Suzuki. 山田: すみません! ありがとうございます! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yamada: (Sorry for burdening you) Thank you

AIC BULLETIN BOARD



Need Assistance?

If you ever find yourself in need of assistance, know that the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center is there for you! They are able to provide you with consultation services in various languages (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Russian, Indonesian, Thai, Nepalese, Burmese) on residence procedures, employment, medical care, welfare, childbirth, childcare, education, and more for FREE! Call them at **0116-200-9595** or go to: www.hiecc.or.jp/soudan

Come to the Asahikawa International Lounge! We have...

a free cultural exchange lounge and study space



library with book and DVD rentals



The Asahikawa International Center (Feeeal Asahikawa 7F 1-jo-dori 8-chome) has free Wi-Fi available for public use. If you reside in Asahikawa, registration for a user card is required. Please feel free to come by anytime, as well as check out some of the other services and activities available at the Asahikawa International Center!

Spread the Word!

Contribute to the AIC newsletter and share any interesting information you may have with other readers. You may write on any topic including: items to buy/shell, offers for culture/language exchange, or write an essay about your life in Asahikawa or your hometown. The article should not be profit-related! Please send your submissions to us at the AIC.

The AIC offers many services to make your life in Asahikawa more enjoyable. Here are just a few:

Volunteer Guide: Volunteers are registered to help translate and interpret.

Event Volunteer: The AIC plans many exciting events throughout the year, such as Friendship Parties.

Homestay: Families are registered to welcome you into their homes for an overnight stay or just an afternoon visit.

Why not become a volunteer and help plan these events?



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