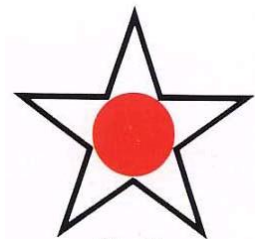


***OVERVIEW OF***

***ASAHIKAWA CITY***

***ADMINISTRATION 2011***



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<sup>th</sup> 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) on the 25th.  
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.  
Aug.7,1970 Population of Asahikawa exceeds 300,000.  
Jun.1,1972 Heiwa Dori Shopping Street permanently opened.  
Sep.29,1973 National Asahikawa Medical College founded.  
Mar.21,1981 The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Meteorological Observatory.
- Mar.18,1990 His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden visited Asahikawa to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Vasa Ski Competition.
- Sep.20,1990 Asahikawa's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Regular international flights between Asahikawa and Seoul, Korea begin from Asahikawa Airport.
- Mar.27,2007 In FY 2006, the Asahiyama Zoo surpassed the 3,000,000 visitor per year mark (3,040,650).  
Aug.1,2007 Commencement of household garbage collection charges  
Apr.24,2008 Commencement of the Skymark Airlines "Asahikawa – Haneda" service  
Oct.31,2008 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion of the Main City Hall Building  
Jul.20,2009 Closure of "Marui Imai" Asahikawa Branch  
Sep.1,2009 Opening of the amalgamated Kagura "Iki Iki" Center and Kagura Nursery  
Jun.29,2010 Opening of 'CoCoDe' Asahikawa Community Support Center.  
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.  
Oct.10,2010 – Start of operations of the JR Asahikawa Station's elevated railroad tracks.  
Dec.10,2010 Enactment and Enforcement of Asahikawa City Council Basic Ordinances.  
Mar.31,2011 – Closing of Hokkaido Asahikawa Hokubu Shogyo (Northern Commercial) High School.  
Jun.24,2011 "Feeeeal" Asahikawa opens for business at the premises of the former Marui-Imai Department Store.

(2) Location

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

(3) Area

747.60 square kilometers

(4) Population & Households (as of March 31, 2011)

352,004 (A decrease of 1,285 from the previous year.)

173,143 Households

Population density (persons/km<sup>2</sup>): 470.8

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

Year	Population	Increase/Decrease (%)	Index
2007	356,087	0.0	100
2008	354,920	- 0.3	99.7
2009	354,559	- 0.1	99.6
2010	353,289	- 0.4	99.2
2011	352,004	- 0.4	98.9

(6) Population by Age Groups (As of March 31, 2011)

Category	Population	Component Ration (%)
Total	352,004	100.0
Under 15 Years old	41,733	11.9
15 – 64	219,654	62.4
65 or older	90,617	25.7

### (7) Employees by Industry (2005 National Census)

Category	Number of employees	Component Ratio (%)
Total	162,138	100.0
Primary Industry	4,730	2.9
Secondary Industry	31,714	19.5
Tertiary Industry	123,307	76.1
Others	2,387	1.5

### (8) Weather Conditions (2010)

Temperature: Highest 33.9°C (93°F)

Lowest – 18.9°C (– 2°F) Average 7.8°C (45.0°F)

Average Humidity: 75% Rainfall: 1,032.5mm

Deepest snowfall: 67cm

Snowfall for the year: 737cm

\*The deepest snowfall and snowfall data is for the cold season.(Aug. 2009 – Jul. 2010)

### (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)

## 2. CITY COUNCIL

### (1) Number of Councilors (As of June 30, 2011)

Legal number of councilors: 46

Regulation number of councilors: 36

(Decided by city regulation, February 24, 2003)

Current membership: 36

### (2) Councilors by Political Party (As of June 30, 2011)

Liberal Democratic Party: 7      Komeito: 5

Democratic Party of Japan: 7      Japan Communist Party: 4

Independent: 13

### (3) City Council Meetings (2010)

1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting – 32 days (Feb. 22 to Mar. 25)

1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day (Apr. 9)

2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day (May 24)

2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting – 12 days (Jun. 18 to Jun.29)

3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting – 29 days (Sep. 7 to Oct. 5)

4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting – 11 days (Nov. 30 to Dec. 10)

### (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 (1.9 x monthly) and December (2.15 x monthly).

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

\*For the period of Dec.1, 2009 ~ March 31, 2012, 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

### (6) City Council Office (As of April 1, 2011)

Regular employees: 24 Current employees: 21

### 3. PUBLIC FINANCE

#### (1) Original Budget for FY 2011

Name of account	Budget (thousand yen)	Change from FY 2010 (%)
General account	155,660,000	101.4
National Health Insurance	42,353,502	100.4
Municipal zoo	1,467,655	100.9
Public parking lots	74,760	108.7
Education	92,550	118.1
Development around JR Station	311,949	221.3
Simple water-supply system	111,659	117.9
Agriculture area sewage	40,016	97.1
Insurance for care and assistance of the elderly	26,428,648	103.6
Loans, e.g. single-mother household welfare funds	121,192	72.1
Medical care for senior citizens	4,189,056	102.5
Total, Special accounts	75,190,987	101.8
Waterworks	10,009,777	101.9
Sewage	13,475,691	97.1
City hospital	13,728,333	95.2
Total, Enterprise accounts	37,213,801	97.6
Grand total	268,064,788	101.0



## (2) Original Budget of General Account for FY 2011

## REVENUE

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City taxes	39,500,000	25.4
Golf course usage fee subsidy	17,200	0.0
Automobile purchase tax subsidy	196,000	0.1
National facility subsidy	129,000	0.1
Local special subsidy	237,000	0.2
Local allocation tax	35,451,000	22.8
Traffic Safety Countermeasure special subsidy	84,800	0.1
Property transfer tax	1,332,000	0.9
Interest tax subsidy	175,000	0.1
Dividend tax subsidy	32,000	0.0
Capital gains tax subsidy	11,000	0.0
Local consumption tax subsidy	3,660,000	2.3
Sharing & allotted charges	1,192,688	0.7
Rental fees & commission fees	3,592,010	2.3
Treasury disbursements	32,406,214	20.8
Hokkaido Prefectural Government disbursements	7,993,388	5.1
City property income	283,995	0.2
Contributions	20,505	0.0
Money transferred from other accounts	1,026,699	0.7
Balance carried over from the previous year	500,000	0.3
Miscellaneous income	13,011,801	8.4
Public loans	14,807,700	9.5
Revenue Total	155,660,000	100.0

## EXPENDITURES

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City Council	611,090	0.4
General affairs	4,369,825	2.8
Public welfare	62,461,737	40.1
Sanitation	10,949,714	7.0
Labor	1,112,633	0.7
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1,087,494	0.7
Commerce & industry	8,561,400	5.5
Public engineering	19,463,052	12.5
Fire-fighting	817,560	0.6
Education	7,400,080	4.8
Disaster restoration	1,200	0.0
Public debt	19,494,215	12.5
Expenses for city employees	19,280,000	12.4
Emergency fund	50,000	0.0
<b>Expenditures Total</b>	<b>155,660,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 4. CITY EMPLOYEES

### (1) Number of Employees (As of April 1, 2011)

Regular number of employees: 3,572

Current number of employees: 2,825

### (2) Salary and Age of Employees (As of April 1, 2011)

Average monthly salary of administrative employees:

¥316,364

Average age of administrative employees:

41.4 years old

## 5. SCHOOLS

Number of schools & students (As of May 1, 2011)

Educational facility	Number of facilities	Number of students
Kindergartens	32	3,160
Elementary Schools (Municipal)	56 (55)	16,462 (16,008)
Junior High Schools (Municipal)	30 (29)	8,558 (8,190)
Senior High Schools	14	9,476
Junior College, College of Technology & Universities	6	4,476
Special Needs Schools	3	192

## 6. ATHLETIC FACILITIES (As of April 1, 2011)

\*Baseball diamonds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations

\*Rubber-ball baseball diamonds: 23 diamonds in 10 locations \*Softball fields:  
24 fields in 20 locations

\*Athletic field: 1 \*Gymnasiums: 6 \*Ball game ground: 1

\*Soccer & rugby fields: 9 fields in 8 locations

\*Tennis courts: 25 courts in 4 locations

\*Softball tennis courts: 23 courts in 5 locations

\*Hard & softball tennis courts: 49 courts in 22 locations

\*Swimming pools: 6 \*Skating rinks: 3 \*Ski slopes: 2 \*Ski-jump slopes: 2  
slopes \*Japanese archery ranges: 2 \*Western archery range: 1 \*Horse riding  
ground: 1 \*Sumo wrestling ring: 1 \*Judo hall: 1

\*Park golf courses: 342 halls in 16 locations

\*Gateball grounds: 59 grounds in 35 locations

\*Ground golf courses: 2

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

## 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 2011)

\*Allotment by income (medical treatment): 10.95%

\*Allotment by income (assistance support): 2.96%

\*Allotment by income (nursing care): 2.49%

\*Equalized allotment (medical treatment per capita): ¥24,900

\*Equalized allotment (assistance support per capita): ¥6,680

\*Equalized allotment (nursing care per capita): ¥6,650

\*Equalized allotment (medical treatment per household): ¥23,900

\*Equalized allotment (assistance support per household): ¥6,410

\*Equalized allotment (nursing care per household): ¥4,690

### (2) Maximum rate to be imposed (medical treatment): ¥500,000

(assistance support): ¥130,000

(nursing care): ¥100,000

### (3) Status of affiliation (As of March 31, 2011)

\*Number of insured persons: 93,800

(percent insured 26.65%)

\*Number of insured households: 57,768

(percent insured 33.36%)

### (4) Disbursal rate (FY 2010): 82.78%

## 9. MEDICAL FACILITIES (As of October 1, 2009)

Medical facility	Number of facilities	Number of sickbeds
HOSPITALS	42	7,518
National	2	942
Prefectural	1	80
Municipal	1	563
Other Public	2	1,139
Private Hosps., etc.	36	4,794
CLINICS	456	714
General clinics	254	714
Dental clinics	202	–
Total	498	8,232

## 10. GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

General garbage (FY 2010)

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City's collection from homes (Recyclable garbage)	74,804.4 (17,017.0)
Garbage from businesses (Recyclable garbage)	35,441.1 (694.3)
Total (Recyclable garbage)	110,245.5 (17,711.3)

## 11. WELFARE

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

Year	1995	2000	2005	2010	2011
Population ratio (%)	14.8	18.3	22.2	25.3	25.7

\*Figures for 1995, 2000 and 2005 are taken from the national census of October 1, and figures for 2010 and 2011 are taken from the Basic Citizen's Registration of March 31.

- (2) Number of persons classified Physically Disabled Certificates: 18,356 (As of March 31, 2011)
- (3) Number of persons classified Mentally Disabled (Learning Difficulties) Certificates: 2,973 (As of March 31, 2011)
- (4) Number of persons classified Mentally Disabled (Psychological Difficulties) Certificates: 1,729 (As of March 31, 2011)

(5) Nursery schools (As of April 1, 2011)

\*Number of nursery schools: 125

\*Number of students: 6,644

(6) Number of single-mother households (As of April 1, 2011)

4,936 households

(7) Welfare (FY 2010)

\*Welfare Dependent Households: 9,131

\*Welfare Recipients: 13,087

\*Welfare Recipient to Population Ratio: 37.1‰

## 12. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & FIRES

(1) Traffic Accidents

Year	Accidents	Fatalities	Injured
2010	1,242	12	1,542

(2) Fires (2010)

Fires Total: 83		Square meters Destroyed	Fatalities & Injured	
Building	Others	6,124 m <sup>2</sup>	Fatalities	Injured
72	11		10	13

## 13. BUSINESS

(1) Enterprises & Sales (2007)

Category	Number of enterprises	Yearly sales (million yen)	Component ratio (%)
Wholesale	1,102	856,632,262	68.0
Retail	2,727	403,997,677	32.0
Total	3,829	1,260,629,939	100.0

(2) Large-scale stores (As of April 1, 2011)

\*Large-scale stores: 74 stores

\*Area of large-scale stores: 423,265m<sup>2</sup>

## 14. INDUSTRY

(1) Number of enterprises & shipment amounts  
(Enterprises with more than 4 employees, 2009)

Category	Number of enterprises	Shipment amount (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Foodstuffs	90	4,991,341	29.2
Pulp, paper, paper goods	9	2,990,377	17.5
Metal products	64	1,425,284	8.3
Beverage, tobacco, animal feed manufacturing	5	897,011	5.2
Furniture & woodwork	40	414,792	2.4
Others	191	6,394,196	37.4
Total	399	17,113,001	100.0

(2) Industry park (As of May 31, 2010)  
\*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 2010)

Category	Number of visitors
Number of tourists to Asahikawa	6,071,400
Number of tourists staying overnight	621,700
Number of tourists from abroad staying overnight	50,475

## 16. AGRICULTURE

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

\*Farm population: 2,052

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

(2) Cultivated acreage: 11,519.99 ha (As of February 1, 2010)

Rice field: 9,785ha (84.9%)

Vegetable fields & orchards: 1,734ha (15.1%)

(3) Value of agricultural products (FY 2010):

¥12,723,364,000

\*Agricultural products: ¥9,984,756,000 (78.5%)

\*Livestock products: ¥2,738,608,000 (21.5%)

(4) Paddies - rice (FY 2010)

\*Rice crop: 36,100t

\*Value of rice products: ¥6,696,550,000

(67.0% of total value of agricultural products)



## 17. ROADS & BRIDGES

(1) Current status of roads (As of April 1, 2011)

Route classification	Actual length (km)	Paved (km)	Pavement rate (%)
National roads	77.4	77.4	100.0
Prefectural roads	208.1	202.3	97.2
Municipal roads	2,129.7	1,794.0	84.2
Total	2,415.2	2,073.7	85.9

(2) Current status of bridges (As of April 1, 2011)

Bridges on different roads	No. of bridges	Permanent bridges	Wooden bridges	Length (m)
National roads	35	35	0	4,542
Prefectural roads	129	129	0	8,201
Municipal roads	603	601	2	11,257
Total	767	765	2	24,000

## 18. RIVERS (As of April 1, 2011)

Classification	Managing authority	No. of rivers	Length (km)
1 <sup>st</sup> Class rivers	Construction Minister	7	95.4
	Hokkaido Governor	43	198.5
Applied river	City Mayor	3	4.1
Regular river	City Mayor	115	327.9
Total		168	625.9

## 19. CITY PLANNING

Zoning (As of May 1, 2011)

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, 2011)

Classification	Number of parks	Area (ha)
Municipal parks	367	695.6
Other parks	63	118.8
Total	430	814.4

\*Municipal park area per person: 19.8m<sup>2</sup>

\*Park area per person: 23.1m<sup>2</sup>

(2) Roadside trees (As of April 1, 2011)

Classification	Number of trees	Number of trees/ per 1,000 persons
National roads	31,006	88
Prefectural roads	26,835	76
Municipal roads	65,596	186
Total	123,437	350

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

## 21. MUNICIPAL HOUSING (As of March 31, 2011)

Publicly managed housing: 4,706

Improved houses: 132

Special rent housing: 13

Municipal single housing: 2

Total: 4,853

## 22. AIR TRANSPORT (FY 2010)

Flight lines	Passengers embarking	Passengers disembarking	Total	Actually boarding (%)
Tokyo line	463,536	491,327	954,863	70.8
Kansai & Osaka line	16,964	13,412	30,376	70.9
Nagoya line	30,671	32,245	62,916	62.9
Kobe Line	6,071	6,408	12,474	72.6
New Chitose line	2,072	2,292	4,364	2.4
Hakodate line	5,147	5,067	10,214	39.8
Domestic Total	524,461	550,751	1,075,212	62.5
Seoul line (Korea)	11,279	11,413	22,692	83.2
Other	-	-	49,627	-
Grand Total	-	-	1,147,531	-

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

## 23. WATERWORKS

- (1) Percentage of extension: 93.2% (As of March 31, 2011)  
(Population reached by water supply / administrative district population)
- (2) Water rate: (For home use per month)  
¥1,020 up to 8m<sup>3</sup>; additional ¥143 for every 1m<sup>3</sup> over 8m<sup>3</sup>

## 24. SEWAGE SYSTEM

- (1) Percentage of extension: 96.5% (As of March 31, 2011)  
(Population able to dispose into sewer / administrative district population)
- (2) Percentage of flushing system: 95.8% (As of March 31, 2011)  
(Population with flush toilets/disposal district population)
- (3) Usage rate (For home use per month)  
¥1,096 up to 8m<sup>3</sup>; additional 156 for every 1m<sup>3</sup> over 8m<sup>3</sup>



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