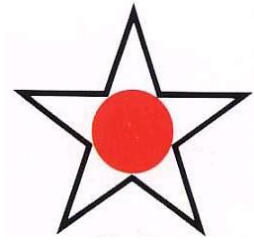


***OVERVIEW OF
ASAHIKAWA CITY
ADMINISTRATION 2021***



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

(1) History

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
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.
Sep.20,1990	Asahikawa's 100 th Anniversary Ceremony held.
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	The Asahiyama Zoo surpassed the 3,000,000 visitor per 2006 fiscal year for the first time.
Aug.1, 2007	Commencement of household garbage collection charges start.
Oct.9-11, 2010	Holding of "Furusato - Bounty of the North Food Festival" as part of the 120th Anniversary of the Founding of Asahikawa events.
Dec.10, 2010	Enactment and Enforcement of Asahikawa City Council Basic Ordinances.
April 1, 2011	Eiryobashidori extended through Hyoten Bridge and Kitasaito Bridge.
June 24, 2011	Feeeal Asahikawa opens at the former Marui-Imai Asahikawa Store site.
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	Showadori extended through Crystal Bridge.
Mar.25, 2014	Enactment of basic ordinance for Asahikawa City development plans.
Apr. 1, 2015	Opening of the Tobu Regional Development Center.
Apr. 30, 2015	Opening of the Suehiro Community Activity Center (Atsuma~ru).
May 3, 2015	Asahikawa and Minami-satsuma in Kagoshima Prefecture become Sister Cities.
Oct. 3, 2015	Opening of the Kitasaito Children's Activity Center (ASOBI-BA).
Apr. 1, 2016	Opening of the Child Consultation Center.
Oct. 8, 2017	Reopening of the Nakahara Teijiro Memorial Asahikawa Sculpture Museum
Sep.10, 2018	Opening of the Asahikawa Community Grave
Nov. 22, 2018	Opening of the Asahikawa Airport International Terminal
Oct. 31, 2019	Officially joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a "Creative City of Design"
Nov. 1, 2019	Opening of the Midorigaoka Community Activity Center, "Gurinparu"
April 1, 2020	Opening of the Toko Sports Park Martial Arts Facility

(2) Location (City Hall)

E. Long. 142°22', N. Lat. 43°46' Elevation 112.1 meters

(3) Area

747.66 km²

(4) Population & Households (as of April 1, 2021)

329,822 (153,085 Men, 176,737 Women)

2,788 decrease from the previous year

177,864 Households, Population Density (persons/km²): 441.1

(5) Population Trend (As of April 1, each year)

Year	Population	Increase/Decrease (%)	Index
2019	335,323	0.0	100.0
2020	332,610	-0.8	99.0
2021	329,822	-0.8	98.2

(6) Population by Age Groups (As of April 1, 2021)

Category	Population	Component Ratio (%)
Total*	329,822	100.0
Under 15 Years old	34,935	10.6
15 – 64	181,924	55.2
65 or older	112,962	34.2

*Total includes people of unspecified ages and thus the sum of the categories will not equal the total

(7) Employees by Industry (2015 National Census)

Category	Number of employees	Component Ratio (%)
Total	152,385	100.0
Primary Industry	4,069	2.7
Secondary Industry	26,028	17.1
Tertiary Industry	116,152	76.2
Others	6,136	4.0

(8) Weather Conditions (2020)

Temperature: Highest 34.6°C (94.28°F) Lowest – 25.7°C (– 14.26°F) Ave. 7.9°C (46.22°F)

Average Humidity: 78% Rainfall: 974.0mm

Highest depth of snow: 65cm

Snowfall for the year: 402cm

*The deepest snowfall and snowfall data is for the cold season

(Aug. 2019 – Jul. 2020).

(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)

Satsuma, Kagoshima Prefecture (May 2015)

(12) Friendship Cities

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia (November 1967)

Harbin, China (November 1995)

(13) City Council Exchange (Signed Agreement)

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

2. CITY COUNCIL

(1) Number of Councilors (As of July 31, 2021)

Regulation number of councilors: 34

Current membership: 34

(Decided by city regulation, March 25, 2014)

(2) Councilors by Political Party (As of July 31, 2021)

Liberal Democratic Party: 10 Democratic Party of Japan: 5
Komeito: 5 Japan Communist Party: 4
Non-partisan Group G: 3 Independent: 10

(3) Councilors by Number Elections Won (As of July 31, 2021)

Times Elected	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8-9	10
Councilors	8	5	6	4	6	3	1	-	1

(4) City Council Meetings (2020)

1st Regular Meeting – 37 day session (Feb. 19 to Mar. 26) – 9 day discussion
1st Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (Apr. 10) – 1 day discussion
2nd Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (May.1) – 1 day discussion
3rd Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (May.29) – 1 day discussion
2nd Regular Meeting – 14 day session (Jun. 12 to Jun. 25) - 5 day discussion
4th Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (Jul.22) – 1 day discussion
3rd Regular Meeting – 30 day session (Sep. 10 to Oct.9) – 7 day discussion
5th Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (Oct.30) – 1 day discussion
4th Regular Meeting – 11 day session (Nov. 30 to Dec. 10) – 5 day discussion
6th Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (Dec.18) – 1 day discussion

(5) 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 (1.925 x monthly) and
December (2.225 x monthly).

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

* The Mayor and Vice Mayor's salaries will have been reduced by 18% and 9% respectively
between the period of Dec.1, 2009 – March 31, 2022.

(6) Political Affairs Activity Expense: (Name change March 1, 2013)

¥80,000 per month each for council factions and councilors unaffiliated with a council faction

(7) City Council Office (As of April 1, 2021)

Regulation number of employees: 20 Current employees: 20

(8) City Council Basic Ordinance

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

(9) Town Hall Meetings (canceled for the fiscal year of 2020)

3. PUBLIC FINANCE

(1) Original Budget for FY 2021

Name of account	Budget (thousand yen)	Change from FY 2019 (%)
General account	160,130,000	103.2
National Health Insurance	35,627,783	98.8
Municipal zoo	2,110,518	114.4
Public parking lots	74,049	86.2
Education	169,537	99.0
Long-term Care Insurance	37,059,559	103.2
Loans, e.g. single-mother household welfare funds	206,898	106.9
Senior citizens medical care	5,660,773	105.8
Total, Special accounts	80,909,117	101.6
Waterworks	11,794,287	105.7
Sewage	13,489,054	83.3
City hospital	14,714,449	112.5
Total, Enterprise accounts	39,997,790	98.9
Grand total	281,036,907	102.1

(2) Normal Account Settlement

Classification	FY 2019 (Thousand Yen)	FY 2020 (Thousand Yen)
Income	160,957,753	202,769,465
Expenditure	159,484,778	199,990,621
Real Balance	1,232,836	2,396,388
Current Balance	287,757	1,163,552
Current Balance Ratio	94.9%	94.9%
Financial Capacity Index (3 year average)	0.532	0.538
Local Bonds	175,030,999	173,907,108
Real Deficit Ratio	—	—
Linked Real Deficit %	—	—
Real Public Deficit %	8.1	8.2
Future Charge Ratio	90.7	85.8

*The numbers for FY 2020 are not yet fixed.

*Real Debt Ratios and Linked Real Debt Ratios are represented as dashes when no debt has been incurred.

(3) Original Budget of General Account for FY 2021 REVENUE

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City taxes	39,000,000	24.4
Golf course usage fee subsidy	12,978	0.0
Automobile purchase tax subsidy	1	0.0
Environmental performance subsidy	74,000	0.0
National facility subsidy	277,951	0.2
Local special subsidy	456,000	0.3
Local allocation tax	30,825,000	19.3
Traffic Safety Countermeasures special subsidy	54,000	0.0
Local transfer tax	1,488,461	0.9
Interest tax subsidy	48,000	0.0
Dividend tax subsidy	82,000	0.1
Tax on capital gains from special stocks subsidy	97,000	0.1
Capital gains tax subsidy	282,000	0.2
Local consumption tax subsidy	7,520,000	4.7
Sharing & allotted charges	394,853	0.2
Rental fees & commission fees	3,191,838	2.0
Treasury disbursements	34,773,354	21.7
Hokkaido Prefectural Government disbursements	11,563,696	7.2
City property income	497,375	0.3
Contributions	1,718,678	1.1
Money transferred from other accounts	1,634,832	1.0
Balance carried over from the previous year	1	0.0
Miscellaneous income	11,646,582	7.3
Public loans	14,491,400	9.0
Revenue Total	160,130,000	100.0

EXPENDITURES

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City Council	466,268	0.3
General affairs	9,019,953	5.6
Public welfare	72,200,813	45.1
Sanitation	9,480,387	5.9
Labor	112,019	0.1
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1,626,238	1.0
Commerce & industry	7,815,827	4.9
Public engineering	15,189,040	9.5
Fire-fighting	797,079	0.5
Education	7,987,564	5.0
Disaster restoration	59,300	0.1
Public debt	17,345,512	10.8
Expenses for city employees	17,980,000	11.2
Emergency fund	50,000	0.0
Expenditures Total	160,130,000	100.0

4. CITY EMPLOYEES

(1) Number of Employees (As of April 1, 2021)

Regulation number of employees: 3,011

Current number of employees: 2,914

(2) Salary and Age of Employees (As of April 1, 2021)

Average monthly salary of administrative employees: ¥320,247

Average age of administrative employees: 42.9 years

Laspeyres Index: 98.8 (April 1st, 2020)

5. SCHOOLS

Number of schools & students (As of May 1, 2021)

Educational facility	Number of facilities	Number of students
Kindergartens	26	2,191
Elementary Schools (Municipal)	53 (52)	14,546 (14,141)
Junior High Schools (Municipal)	27 (26)	7,841 (7,524)

6. ATHLETIC FACILITIES (As of April 1, 2021) ※Excludes private facilities.

*Baseball diamonds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations *Rubber-ball baseball diamonds: 21 diamonds in 8 locations *Softball fields: 24 fields in 20 locations *Athletic fields: 1 *Gymnasiums: 7

*Ball game grounds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations *Soccer & rugby fields: 11 fields in 8 locations
 *Tennis courts: 23 courts in 4 locations *Rubber-ball tennis courts: 23 courts in 5 locations
 *Tennis & rubber-ball courts:43 courts in 20 locations *Swimming pools: 6 *Skating rinks: 3 *Ski slopes: 1 *Ski-jump slopes: 2 slopes in 1 location *Japanese archery ranges: 2 *Western archery range: 1 *Horse riding ground: 1 *Sumo wrestling ring: 1 *Judo hall: 1 * Martial Arts Stadium: 1 *Gate-ball grounds: 61 grounds in 36 locations *Park golf courses: 369 halls in 17 locations *Ground golf courses: 2 courses

Gymnasiums include: Dohoku Arcs Taisetsu Arena, Higashi Community Gymnasium, and Workers Gymnasium. Skating rinks include Dohoku Arcs 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. 11, 2018	291,007	47.48
Councilors	Apr. 21, 2019	285,806	41.30

8. NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

(1) Insurance ratios (FY 2021)

- *Allotment by income (medical treatment): 8.37%
- *Allotment by income (assistance support): 2.73%
- *Allotment by income (nursing care): 2.21%
- *Equalized allotment (medical treatment per capita): ¥25,620
- *Equalized allotment (assistance support per capita): ¥8,420
- *Equalized allotment (nursing care per capita): ¥8,220
- *Equalized allotment (medical treatment per household): ¥26,640
- *Equalized allotment (assistance support per household): ¥8,750
- *Equalized allotment (nursing care per household): ¥6,360

(2) Maximum rate to be imposed (medical treatment): ¥630,000
 (assistance support): ¥190,000
 (nursing care): ¥170,000

(3) Status of affiliation (As of March 31, 2021)

- *Number of insured persons: 66,380 (percent insured 20.13%)
- *Number of insured households: 45,720 (percent insured 25.71%)

(4) Disbursal rate (FY 2020): 94.72% (Includes unpaid refunds)

9. MEDICAL FACILITIES (As of October 1, 2019)

Medical facility	Number of facilities	Number of sickbeds
HOSPITALS	39	6,995
National	2	912
CLINICS	400	479
General clinics	230	479
Dental clinics	170	-
Total	439	7,474

10. GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

General garbage (FY 2020)		(t)
City's collection from homes (Recyclable garbage)		72,179.5 (16,633.8)
Garbage from businesses (Recyclable garbage)		34,952.9 (424.6)
Total (Recyclable garbage)		107,132.4 (17,058.4)

11. WELFARE

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

Year	2010	2015	2019	2020	2021
Population ratio (%)	26.6	31.8	33.3	33.8	34.2

*Figures for 2010 and 2015 are taken from the national census of October 1, and figures for 2019, 2020 and 2021 are taken from the Basic Citizen's Registration of April 1.

(2) Number of persons classified Physically Disabled

Certificates: 16,978 (As of March 31, 2021)

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

Certificates: 4,351 (As of March 31, 2021)

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

Certificates: 3,250 (As of March 31, 2021)

(5) Nursery schools (As of April 1, 2021)

*Number of nursery schools: 130 (94 city approved)

*Number of students: 6,744 (6,270 in city approved schools)

(6) Number of single-parent households (As of October 1, national census 2015)

*Single-mother households: 3,489 households

(households with additional household members: 4,360 households)

*Single-father households: 283 households

(households with additional household members: 475 households)

**Single-parent household: A household comprised of a parent that is unmarried, divorced or bereaved, and an unmarried child under the age of 20 years old.

**Single-parent household (Including households with additional household members): Households comprised of the above-mentioned single-parent household as well as those containing additional household members (not including children over the age of 20).

(7) Welfare (average value for FY 2020)

*Welfare Dependent Households: 9,892

*Welfare Recipients: 12,232

*Welfare Recipient to Population Ratio: 36.9‰

12. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & FIRES

(1) Traffic Accidents

Year	Accidents	Fatalities	Injured
2020	511	6	618

(2) Fires (2020) (Figures include Takasu and Kamikawa Town)

Fires(incl. explosion) Total: 91		Area Destroyed (Square Meters)		Fatalities & Injured	
Building	Others	Floor	Surface	Fatalities	Injured
56	35	3,779	63	7	9

13. BUSINESS

(1) Enterprises & Sales (economic census 2016)

Category	Number of enterprises	Yearly sales (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Wholesale	889	63,153,167	59.4
Retail	2,212	43,171,387	40.6
Total	3,101	106,324,554	100.0

(2) Large-scale stores (As of April 1, 2021)

*Large-scale stores: 85 stores

*Area of large-scale stores: 432,294 m²

14. INDUSTRY

(1) Number of enterprises & shipment amounts

(Enterprises with more than 4 employees, economic census 2019)

Category	Number of enterprises	Shipment amount (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Foodstuffs	78	7,695,729	35.2
Pulp, paper, paper goods	8	3,059,981	14.0
Metal products	47	1,556,497	7.1
Production Machinery Equipment manufacturing industry	20	939,751	4.3
Textiles	11	905,631	4.1
Furniture and other goods	27	846,578	3.9
Plastic Products	7	830,629	3.8
Other	122	6,040,309	27.6
Total	320	21,875,105	100.0

(2) Industrial base

*Dobutsuendori Industrial Complex

Category / Area (ha)			Number of enterprises		
Developed land	Land for sale	Land sold	Within city	Outside of city	Total
25.8	22.7	11	3	1	4

(3) 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 2020)

Category	Number of visitors
Number of tourists to Asahikawa	1,700,300
Number of nights tourists staying overnight	403,200
Number of nights tourists from abroad staying overnight	1,353

16. AGRICULTURE

(1) Farmer population (As of February 1, 2015)

*Farmer population: 1,793

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

(2) Cultivated acreage: 10,888 ha (As of February 1, 2015)

Rice field: 8,914ha (81.9%)

Vegetable fields & orchards: 1,974ha (18.1%)

(According to 2015 Census for Agriculture and Forestry)

(3) Value of agricultural products (FY 2020):

¥13,940,939,000

*Agricultural products: ¥10,602,088,000 (76.1%)

*Livestock products: ¥3,338,851,000 (23.9%)

(4) Paddies - rice (FY 2020)

*Rice crop: 38,100 t

*Value of rice products: ¥7,924,800,000

(74.7% of total value of agricultural products)

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

44.7% (FY 2020)

17. ROADS & BRIDGES

(1) Current status of roads (As of April 1, 2021)

Route classification	Actual length (km)	Paved (km)	Pavement rate (%)
National roads	77.2	77.2	100.0
Prefectural roads	205.5	203.4	99.0
Municipal roads	2,142.1	1,848.8	86.3
Total	2,424.8	2,129.4	87.8

(2) Current status of bridges (As of April 1, 2021)

Bridges on different roads	No. of bridges	Permanent bridges	Wooden bridges	Length (km)
National roads	31	31	0	3.8
Prefectural roads	131	131	0	8.6
Municipal roads	600	600	0	11.4
Total	762	762	0	23.8

18. RIVERS (As of April 1, 2021)

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 (136*)	613.0

*Number of rivers when accounting for multiple names of the same body of water

19. CITY PLANNING

Zoning (As of May 1, 2021)

Zone classification	Area (ha)	Component ratio (%)
Urban development zones	7,957	26.7
Urban development transition zones	21,843	73.3
City planning zones	29,800	100.0

20. PARKS & AFFORESTATION

(1) Current status of parks (As of April 1, 2021)

Classification	Number of parks	Area (m ²)
Municipal parks	390	7,202,650
Other parks	47 (14)	888,883
Total	437 (14)	8,091,533

*Municipal park area per person: 21.8m²

*Park area per person: 24.5 m²

(Based on the population as of April 1, 2021)

*Numbers in parenthesis represent "Other parks" that also count as city parks

(2) Roadside trees (As of April 1, 2021)

Classification	Number of trees	Number of trees/ per 1,000 persons
National roads	23,419	71.0
Prefectural roads	26,453	80.2
Municipal roads	62,694	190.0
Total	112,566	341.2

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, 2010)

Publicly managed housing: 4,726

Improved houses: 132

Special rent housing: 13

Municipal single housing: 2

Total: 4,873

22. AIR TRANSPORT (FY 2020)

Flight lines	Passengers embarking	Passengers disembarking	Total	Actually boarding (%)
Tokyo line	137,518	146,706	284,224	49.5
Osaka line	1,521	2,182	3,703	36.3
Nagoya line	673	590	1,263	32.5
Domestic Total	139,712	149,478	289,190	49.2
Int'l Total	-	-	-	-
Other	16	212	228	36.9
Grand Total	139,728	149,690	289,418	-

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

23. WATERWORKS

- (1) Proliferation percentage: 95.3% (As of March 31, 2021)
(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) Proliferation percentage: 97.2% (As of March 31, 2021)
(Population able to dispose into sewer / administrative district population)
- (2) Flushing system percentage: 97.0% (As of March 31, 2020)
(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

ASAHIKAWA COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING KEY CONCEPTS NO.8

(FY 2016 - 2027)

ASAHIKAWA AIMS TO BE:

A lively, shining world city in the north with abundant nature and smiling faces.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ASAHIKAWA AIMS TO BE:

A city where children develop quickly, where everyone can have a healthy life

A city that nurtures personnel for a stronger future and lifetime learning

A thriving city with a robust developed economy

A tenacious city that promotes a safe, secure society in coexistence with nature

A city where people support each other and build together



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