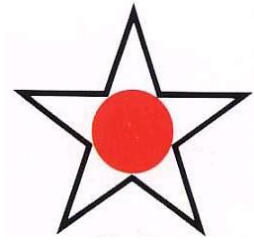


***OVERVIEW OF
ASAHIKAWA CITY
ADMINISTRATION 2017***



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
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.
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
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
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.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
June 1, 2014	Opening of the Asahikawa Station Square
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 becomes Sister Cities
Jun. 31,2015	Opening of the Asahikawa Kitasaito Garden Land
Oct. 3, 2015	Opening of the Kitasaito Children's Activity Center (ASOBI-BA)
Apr. 1, 2016	Opening of the Child Consultation Center
Apr. 1, 2016	Opening of Asahikawa Special Needs High School
Jun. 30, 2016	50 th Anniversary of the opening of the Asahikawa Airport

(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, 2017)

341,335 (158,532 Men, 182,803 Women)

2,393 decrease from the previous year

177,532 Households, Population Density (persons/km²): 456.5

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

Year	Population	Increase/Decrease (%)	Index
2015	345,917	0.0	100.0
2016	343,728	-0,6	99.4
2017	341,335	-0,7	98.7

(6) Population by Age Groups (As of April 1, 2017)

Category	Population	Component Ratio (%)
Total*	341,335	100,0
Under 15 Years old	38,178	11.2
15 – 64	194,649	57.0
65 or older	108,507	31.8

*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 (2016)

Temperature: Highest 33.3°C (91.9°F) Lowest – 20.8°C (– 5.4°F) Ave. 7.2°C (45°F)

Average Humidity: 77% Rainfall: 1,377.5mm

Highest depth of snow: 77cm

Snowfall for the year: 482cm

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

(Aug. 2015 – Jul. 2016).

(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, 2017)

Regulation number of councilors: 34

Current membership: 34

(Decided by city regulation, March 25, 2014)

(2) Councilors by Political Party (As of July 31, 2017)

Liberal Democratic Party: 8 Komeito: 5
Democratic Party of Japan: 4 Japan Communist Party: 4
Independent: 13

(3) Councilors by Number Elections Won (As of July 31, 2017)

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

(4) City Council Meetings (FY 2016)

1st Regular Meeting – 33 day session (Feb. 22 to Mar. 25) – 8 day discussion

1st Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (Apr. 11) – 1 day discussion

2nd Extraordinary Meeting – 1 day session (May 19) – 1 day discussion

2nd Regular Meeting – 15 day session (Jun. 3 to Jun. 17) - 6 day discussion

3rd Regular Meeting – 30 day session (Sep. 12 to Oct.11) – 7 day discussion

4th Regular Meeting – 12 day session (Dec. 2 to Dec. 13) – 5 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 (2.025 x monthly) and
December (2.175 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, 2018.

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

¥80,000 per month each for members not of a political party

(7) City Council Office (As of April 1, 2017)

Regulation number of employees: 21 Current employees: 21

(8) City Council Basic Ordinance

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

(9) Town Hall Meetings (FY 2016)

Number of meeting places: 4; Total number of participants: 117

3. PUBLIC FINANCE

(1) Original Budget for FY 2016

Name of account	Budget (thousand yen)	Change from FY 2016 (%)
General account	158,850,000	101.1
National Health Insurance	44,747,327	97.7
Municipal zoo	1,520,068	102.5
Public parking lots	88,210	99.3
Education	104,354	121.4
Development around JR Station	235,944	94.1
Simple water-supply system	111,075	97.5
Agriculture area sewage	40,172	100.0
Insurance for the care and assistance of the elderly	34,082,617	101.3
Loans, e.g. single-mother household welfare funds	136,697	110.1
Medical care for senior citizens	4,863,968	104.7
Total, Special accounts	85,930,432	99.6
Waterworks	11,092,600	105.4
Sewage	14,917,600	100.8
City hospital	13,472,384	94.9
Total, Enterprise accounts	39,482,254	99.9
Grand total	284,262,686	100.5

(2) Normal Account Settlement

Classification	FY 2015 (Thousand Yen)	FY 2016 (Thousand Yen)
Income	158,551,128	157,454,340
Expenditure	157,272,163	156,052,648
Real Balance	952,268	1,260,609
Current Balance	-250,928	308,341
Current Balance Ratio	92.3%	93.6%
Financial Capacity Index (3 year average)	0.492	0.509
Local Bonds	182,519,459	180,384,986
Real Deficit Ratio	—	—
Linked Real Deficit %	—	—
Real Public Deficit %	7.1	7.4
Future Charge Ratio	91.8	93.5

*The numbers for 2016 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 2017 REVENUE

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City taxes	39,900,000	25.1
Golf course usage fee subsidy	13,500	0.0
Automobile purchase tax subsidy	150,000	0.1
National facility subsidy	246,000	0.2
Local special subsidy	149,000	0.1
Local allocation tax	31,826,000	20.0
Traffic Safety Countermeasures special subsidy	63,000	0.0
Local transfer tax	1,305,000	0.8
Interest tax subsidy	74,000	0.0
Dividend tax subsidy	120,000	0.1
Capital gains tax subsidy	55,000	0.0
Local consumption tax subsidy	6,377,000	4.0
Sharing & allotted charges	927,513	0.6
Rental fees & commission fees	3,582,064	2.3
Treasury disbursements	33,706,758	21.2
Hokkaido Prefectural Government disbursements	9,608,668	6.1
City property income	171,867	0.1
Contributions	235,567	0.1
Money transferred from other accounts	2,930,709	1.9
Balance carried over from the previous year	1	0.0
Miscellaneous income	12,401,153	7.8
Public loans	15,007,200	9.5
Revenue Total	158,850,000	100.0

EXPENDITURES

Item	Budget (thousand yen)	Component Ratio (%)
City Council	479,495	0.3
General affairs	4,559,796	2.9
Public welfare	69,973,645	44.0
Sanitation	9,455,711	6.0
Labor	107,533	0.1
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1,636,436	1.0
Commerce & industry	8,844,660	5.6
Public engineering	18,703,930	11.8
Fire-fighting	840,224	0.5
Education	8,687,181	5.5
Disaster restoration	25,250	0.0
Public debt	17,986,139	11.3
Expenses for city employees	17,500,000	11.0
Emergency fund	50,000	0.0
Expenditures Total	158,850,000	100.0

4. CITY EMPLOYEES

(1) Number of Employees (As of April 1, 2017)

Regulation number of employees: 3,015

Current number of employees: 2,915

(2) Salary and Age of Employees (As of April 1, 2017)

Average monthly salary of administrative employees: ¥308,531

Average age of administrative employees: 42 years

Laspeyres Index: 98.7 (April 1st, 2016)

5. SCHOOLS

Number of schools & students (As of May 1, 2017)

Educational facility	Number of facilities	Number of students
Kindergartens	29	2,760
Elementary Schools (Municipal)	55 (54)	15,503 (15,074)
Junior High Schools (Municipal)	28 (27)	8,341 (8,018)
Senior High Schools	14	9,191
Junior College, College of Technology & Universities	5	4,195
Special Needs Schools	4	220

6. ATHLETIC FACILITIES (As of April 1, 2017)

*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: 7 *Ball game grounds: 3 diamonds in 2 locations *Soccer & rugby fields: 11 fields in 9 locations *Tennis courts: 25 courts in 5 locations *Rubber-ball tennis courts: 25 courts in 4 locations *Tennis & rubber-ball courts:

49 courts in 22 locations *Swimming pools: 6 *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 *Gate-ball grounds: 61 grounds in 36 locations *Park golf courses: 369 halls in 17 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. 9, 2014	291,471	50.43
Councilors	Apr. 26, 2015	286,767	44.51

8. NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

(1) Insurance ratios (FY 2017)

*Allotment by income (medical treatment): 9.75%

*Allotment by income (assistance support): 2.62%

*Allotment by income (nursing care): 2.35%

*Equalized allotment (medical treatment per capita): ¥23,020

*Equalized allotment (assistance support per capita): ¥6,370

*Equalized allotment (nursing care per capita): ¥6,380

*Equalized allotment (medical treatment per household): ¥20,610

*Equalized allotment (assistance support per household): ¥5,700

*Equalized allotment (nursing care per household): ¥4,200

(2) Maximum rate to be imposed (medical treatment): ¥530,000

(assistance support): ¥180,000

(nursing care): ¥140,000

(3) Status of affiliation (As of March 31, 2017)

*Number of insured persons: 77,327 (percent insured 22.65%)

*Number of insured households: 50,826 (percent insured 28.63%)

(4) Disbursal rate (FY 2016): 89.63% (Includes unpaid refunds)

9. MEDICAL FACILITIES (As of October 1, 2015)

Medical facility	Number of facilities	Number of sickbeds
HOSPITALS	39	7,190
National	2	912
CLINICS	422	577
General clinics	243	577
Dental clinics	179	-
Total	461	7,767

10. GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

General garbage (FY 2016)		(t)
City's collection from homes (Recyclable garbage)		69,796.6 (16,258.4)
Garbage from businesses (Recyclable garbage)		35,405.7 (496.6)
Total (Recyclable garbage)		105,202.3 (16,755.0)

11. WELFARE

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

Year	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017
Population ratio (%)	22.2	26.6	31.8	30.9	31.8

*Figures for 2005, 2010 and 2015 are taken from the national census of October 1, and figures for 2016 and 2017 are taken from the Basic Citizen's Registration of April 1.

(2) Number of persons classified Physically Disabled

Certificates: 17,888 (As of March 31, 2017)

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

Certificates: 3,843 (As of March 31, 2017)

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

Certificates: 2,764 (As of March 31, 2017)

(5) Nursery schools (As of April 1, 2017)

*Number of nursery schools: 144 (68 city approved)

*Number of students: 7,078 (5,829 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 2016)

*Welfare Dependent Households: 10,097

*Welfare Recipients: 13,260

*Welfare Recipient to Population Ratio: 38.7‰

12. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & FIRES

(1) Traffic Accidents

Year	Accidents	Fatalities	Injured
2016	763	7	927

(2) Fires (2016) (Figures include Takasu and Kamikawa Town)

Fires(incl. explosion) Total: 62		Area Destroyed (Square Meters)		Fatalities & Injured	
Building	Others	Floor	Surface	Fatalities	Injured
43	19	1,877	135	7	16

13. BUSINESS

(1) Enterprises & Sales (economic census 2014)

Category	Number of enterprises	Yearly sales (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Wholesale	819	54,493,354	54.1
Retail	2,034	46,227,782	45.9
Total	2,853	100,721,136	100.0

(2) Large-scale stores (As of April 1, 2017)

*Large-scale stores: 79 stores

*Area of large-scale stores: 428,726 m²

14. INDUSTRY

(1) Number of enterprises & shipment amounts

(Enterprises with more than 4 employees, economic census 2014)

Category	Number of enterprises	Shipment amount (Ten thousand yen)	Component ratio (%)
Foodstuffs	80	6,043,845	31.3
Pulp, paper, paper goods	8	3,156,390	16.3
Metal products	52	1,264,163	6.5
Ceramic products manufacturing industry	21	977,522	5.1
Printing and related works	12	890,880	4.6
Production Machinery Equipment manufacturing industry	34	856,175	4.4
Textile	27	814,770	4.2
Other	104	5,303,063	27.6
Total	338	19,306,808	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 2016)

Category	Number of visitors
Number of tourists to Asahikawa	5,310,000
Number of nights tourists staying overnight	857,100
Number of nights tourists from abroad staying overnight	188,365

16. AGRICULTURE

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

*Farmer population: 1,778

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

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

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 2016):

¥13,112,881,000

*Agricultural products: ¥9,819,529 (74.9%)

*Livestock products: ¥3,293,352,000 (25.1%)

(4) Paddies - rice (FY 2016)

*Rice crop: 36,600 t

*Value of rice products: ¥7,074,780,000

(72.0% of total value of agricultural products)

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

45.7% (FY 2016)

17. ROADS & BRIDGES

(1) Current status of roads (As of April 1, 2017)

Route classification	Actual length (km)	Paved (km)	Pavement rate (%)
National roads	77.2	77.2	100.0
Prefectural roads	215.8	213.2	98.8
Municipal roads	2,139.2	1,827.9	85.4
Total	2,432.2	2,118.3	87.1

(2) Current status of bridges (As of April 1, 2017)

Bridges on different roads	No. of bridges	Permanent bridges	Wooden bridges	Length (km)
National roads	31	31	0	3.8
Prefectural roads	138	138	0	8.5
Municipal roads	600	599	1	11.4
Total	769	768	1	23.7

18. RIVERS (As of April 1, 2017)

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, 2017)

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, 2017)

Classification	Number of parks	Area (m ²)
Municipal parks	384	7,260,112
Other parks	52 (14)	934,465
Total	436 (14)	8,194,577

*Municipal park area per person: 21.3m²

*Park area per person: 24.0 m²

(Based on the population as of April 1, 2017)

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

(2) Roadside trees (As of April 1, 2017)

Classification	Number of trees	Number of trees/ per 1,000 persons
National roads	24,149	70.8
Prefectural roads	26,282	77.1
Municipal roads	64,527	189.2
Total	114,958	337.1

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, 2017)

Publicly managed housing: 4,744

Improved houses: 132

Special rent housing: 13

Municipal single housing: 2

Total: 4,891

22. AIR TRANSPORT (FY 2016)

Flight lines	Passengers embarking	Passengers disembarking	Total	Actually boarding (%)
Tokyo line	447,784	489,298	937,082	72.9
Kansai & Osaka line	6,670	10,007	16,677	56.7
Nagoya line	24,736	27,523	52,259	64.0
Domestic Total	479,190	526,828	1,006,018	72.1
Seoul line (Korea)	2,900	2,902	5,802	93.9
Taipei line (Taiwan)	12,919	14,326	27,245	64.5
Shanghai line (China)	23,854	24,421	48,275	76.8
Beijing line (China)	6,980	6,934	13,914	64.2
Int'l Total	46,653	48,583	95,236	71.6
Other	10,316	10,864	21,180	-
Grand Total	536,159	586,275	1,122,434	-

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

23. WATERWORKS

- (1) Proliferation percentage: 94.5% (As of March 31, 2017)
(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: 96.8% (As of March 31, 2017)
(Population able to dispose into sewer / administrative district population)
- (2) Flushing system percentage: 96.9% (As of March 31, 2017)
(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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