



Upcoming AIC Events

Event Name	Event Summary	Event Details
Nihongo Lounge	An opportunity for Japanese and international residents to connect in Japanese! Practice your Nihongo while connecting with the local and international community!	Date: 6/11 (Wed) Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: Asahikawa International Center Feeeal 7F (1-jo-dori 8-chome)
Fun Fridays	Connect with locals and foreigners in English! Meet Asahikawa's English-speaking community, have fun cultural discussions, and make new friends! Volunteers: FREE Participants: ¥1,500 once for all sessions	Date: 6/13, 6/27 Time: 13:30-14:30 (Afternoon) 18:30-20:30 (Only on 6/13) Location: Asahikawa International Center Feeeal 7F (1-jo-dori 8-chome) Registration for Summer Session: <u>From 6/23</u>
K X J Exchange Lounge	Come practice your Korean and Japanese language skills through this Korean-Japanese language exchange!	Date: 6/19 (Thu) Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: Asahikawa International Center Feeeal 7F (1-jo-dori 8-chome)
Friendship Party	AIC will be hosting another Friendship Party! This Friendship Party's theme will be focused on games and safety. Learn about public safety through a game of Karuta, followed by free talk and games on the latter half!	Date: 6/28 (Sat) Time: 13:30-15:00 Location: Asahikawa International Center Feeeal 7F (1-jo-dori 8-chome) Registration: <u>From 6/9 (Mon)</u>
French Cooking Class	Learn how to make French cuisine in English and Japanese! During this cooking class, participants will be able to learn how to make a quiche from scratch!	Date: 7/12 (Sat) Time: 10:30-13:30 Location: Tokiwa Civic Hall 3F Cooking Room (5-jo-dori 4-chome) Registration: <u>From 6/16 (Mon)</u> Course Cost: ¥1,000



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Check out our website and social media for information regarding the events above.

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What's Happening this Summer?

By John Mabilangan



As Hokkaido's short spring comes to a close, the region quickly shifts gears with temperatures rising all over the island, flowers blooming, festivals surging left and right. Hokkaido is much cooler compared the remainder of Japan which makes this area a hot tourist destination for domestic and international travelers. Check out some of the things coming this summer!

FESTIVAL
SEASON

Asahikawa Confectionary Expo 2025

This expo exhibits a variety of confections: decorative, regional, award-winning and many more! Taste confectionaries and sweets from all over Japan!

Date 5/30 (Fri) ~ 6/15 (Sun)

Time: 10:00-18:00 (Until 17:00 on 6/15)

Location: Dohoku Arcs Taisetsu Arena, Michi no Eki
Asahikawa, Taisetsu Crystall Hall

Fee: ¥1,500



Gokokujinja-sai (Festival)

Festival connected to Asahikawa's Gokoku Shrine, the festival offers food stalls, games, and many other activities in Tokiwa Park with rituals and dances taking place in the main Gokoku Shrine site at Hanasaki.

Date: 6/4 (Wed) ~ 6/6 (Fri)

Location: Tokiwa Park (Downtown) for food stalls and activities
Gokoku Shrine (Hanasaki-cho 1-chome 2282-2)

Asahikawa Music Week

Celebrate the musical arts in Asahikawa with performances and showcases throughout the station and central downtown area as well as a musical parade!

Date: 6/8 (Sun) ~ 6/15 (Sun)

Location: Asahikawa Station, Asahikawa Station Plaza, Heiwa-Dori Shopping Street, etc.



Asahikawa Hana Festa

Come check out flowers from all over exhibited here in Asahikawa! In addition to flower exhibitions, there are mini courses, sales, and some food stalls for visitors to enjoy!

Date: 6/18 (Wed) ~ 6/22 (Sun)

Time: 10:00-17:00 (Until 16:00 on 6/22)

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

Asahikawa Design Week

Asahikawa Design Week is a festival commemorating the various design charms of Asahikawa with local industry such as Asahikawa craft, furniture, and many other industries as the event's focal point.

Date: 6/21 (Sat) ~ 6/29 (Sun)

Time: See website for details on activity schedule

Location: Downtown, Asahikawa Station Area, etc.
(Varies depending on event)



Heiwa-Dori Shopping Street Festival



To celebrate the anniversary of Heiwa-Dori Shopping Street, there will be a festival with food stalls, food tents, performances and activities all throughout the shopping street for the public to enjoy.

Date: 6/28 (Sat) ~ 6/29 (Sun)

Time: 10:00-18:00 (17:00 on 6/29)

Location: Heiwa-Dori Shopping Street

Outside of
Asahiakwa



Shikisai-no-oka, Biei

This flower field is internationally renown throughout Japan and abroad. Tourist from all over come to see the colorful flower fields and beautiful scenery. In addition, the area also has a petting zoo where visitors can feed alpacas!

Date: June to September

Time: 8:40-17:30

Location: Dai-3 Shinsei, Biei-Cho, Kamikawa-gun, Hokkaido



AIC Event Report

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Check out our website and SNS for more information regarding our events!



Scan the QR Code to access our website!



The Asahikawa International Center has been quite lively as of recent with several events taking place throughout the month of May. These events have attracted both the local and international community alike receiving a highly positive reception from many of the attendees. Here is a peek at some of them!

K x J Lounge (Korean and Japanese Exchange)

May 16, 2025, 18:00-19:00



To promote language and cultural exchange between Asahikawa's Korean residents and the local community, the Asahikawa International Committee (AIC) hosted its first K x J Lounge at the Asahikawa International Center. Despite relying solely on social media for promotion, the event drew an impressive crowd of over 30 participants!

The lounge was filled with the vibrant sounds of both Korean and Japanese, along with plenty of laughter and lively conversation.

French Café (Exchange in French)

May 17, 2025, 10:30-12:30



With the backing of AIC, an exchange in French, French Café, was held at the center's lounge. With the leadership of French-speaking volunteers Val and Jovana as well as support from the center's CIR, John, participants were able to hold discourse entirely in French. Although many of the participants had varying levels of French speaking ability, everyone was able to practice and enjoy utilizing their French! Moving forward, Val and Jovana hope to host more French Cafés to create a space for Asahikawa's French language learners and speakers.

Spring Walk and Picnic Round 2

May 31, 2025, 10:45-13:30



As the previous Spring Walk and Picnic was held indoors, AIC organized a round 2 version of the picnic! The day of the picnic was sunny with many members of Asahikawa's International Community joining in. Everyone was able to enjoy walks through Asahikawa's riverbanks followed by a delightful picnic in the shade. Many of the attendees brought foods from their own country. Everyone had a great time having discussions in different languages and talking about different cultures.