Hakuba Newsletter January 2024

January 15

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the New Year of 2024 and wish you all a glorious new year filled with hope. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your deep understanding and cooperation in all aspects of our village administration.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all those who were impacted by the December 16, landslide disaster in Kurodzusawa, Misorano District, Hakuba Village. Hakuba Village will do its very best to help the entire community to recover and rebuild as soon as possible and create a safe and secure environment in which people can live in comfort and safety. Natural disasters that have occurred in various parts of Japan are becoming more and more severe every year. We have strongly recognized the need to be more prepared for disasters that are unpredictable.

Last May, the status of new coronavirus infectious diseases under the Infectious Disease Control Law was changed to a category 5 infectious disease, and the measures taken have been changed to respect individual choices and be based on people's own voluntary efforts. With this change, the long-awaited economic activities have finally resumed.

The Hakuba Village winter season is finally in full swing, and we are very happy that the ski resorts in the village have opened early, even though we have not been blessed with an abundance of snowfall.

We hope that many visitors from both Japan and abroad will come to Hakuba Village to fully enjoy its exceptional natural mountain environment, local culture and hospitality, and become "Hakuba Fans".

Needless to say, it is us residents who provide the local culture and Hakuba's unique hospitality to our guests, we hope that each and every one of our residents will be aware of the importance of providing the best possible hospitality in order to meet the expectations of travelers and increase their travel satisfaction.

The efforts of each and every one of our residents, our mountains and natural environment, and our past and present Hakuba Village are the foundation for the creation of a sustainable year-round mountain resort. Based on this foundation, our village has positioned "environment," "digital," " child-raising," "agriculture," "health and welfare," and "tourism" as priority projects, and we will do our best to steadily achieve the future vision set in the 5th Comprehensive Plan, together with our residents.

At last, I would like to conclude my New Year's greetings by wishing you all a happy and wonderful new year.









Hakuba Night Demand Taxi

On December 18, a departure ceremony for the Hakuba Night Demand Taxi was held at Snow Peak Land Station Hakuba. Tourism Ambassador Risa Kunimoto was the first customer to ride in the taxi. This winter, HND will operate daily from December 18 to February 29 between 17:00 and 23:00. The fare is 500 yen/person per ride, and residents can have unlimited rides for 3,000 yen by linking their My Number Card.

In addition, we have enhanced the online reservation system for restaurants and transportation by linking the transportation service to the restaurant reservation system. We look forward to seeing many of you using this service.

Keep Your AED Properly Maintained



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can be a lifesaving tool, but can be useless if not maintained. An AED maintenance schedule is imperative to keeping your device functioning properly. Follow these rules and, chances are, you and your AED will be ready to save a life.

- 1. Place your AED in a visible and unobstructed location
- **2**. Verify the battery installation is correct
- 3. Check the status/ service indicator light
 - Turn the machine off and make sure the status indicator shows the unit is again ready for use (green light).
- **4**. Note the absence of the visual/audio service alarm]
 - Alarms may also come in the form of a blinking red light, an "X", instead of a checkmark, or a screen that is completely blank.
- 5. Inspect exterior components and sockets for cracks
- Confirm that you have two sets of sealed AED pads that have not expired
 - AED pads may have passed their expiration date, have been used, or show clear signs (cracking, stressed wiring, etc) that they need to be replaced.
- **7**. Keep accurate records and replace the AED battery as recommended for your particular device
 - Even though the AED batteries may power the machine for a test, past-date batteries should be replaced to be sure they will not run down before the next use or check-up.
- **8**. Refer to the manufacturer manual for more information and proper maintenance procedures for your particular device.

Recycle

Center

Kita

Alps Eco

park

Local Discount Information

The Hakuba Village Residents Day is now available a special discount price of 3,000 yen for a one-day lift ticket.

The dates are the third Sunday of every month from January to March and the following Monday.

- *January 21(Sun), 22(Mon)
- *February 18(Sun), 19(Mon)
- * March 17(Sun), 18(Mon)

Please bring your I.D issued by a public institution with current address on it. (e.g.: Driver's license, Health Insurance Card, My number card etc.) ID for all who will use the discount are required.



Tourism Commission of Hakuba Village Hakuba village information 399-9301 5497,Hokujo,Hakuba,Kitaazumi,Na gano

Business hours: $9:00\sim17:00$

TEL.0261-85-4210

Bring garbage in Hakuba Recycle Center / Omachi Kita Alps Eco Park

This is a guideline on how to dispose and separate of recyclable garbage in Hakuba Village.

Our biggest difference to other countries, is that we are required to bring our own garbage to the disposal center, or pay for a licensed garbage collector to come to our place and collect our garbage especially if we own the business in town.

We are also responsible for separating our garbage into different categories, and use special bags which are available to buy at supermarkets, convenient stores and Home Centers.

If you have any questions about how to correctly dispose of your garbage - please visit the Hakuba Village Office which is located near the A-coop Supermarket.

	Category	How to dispose	Hakuba Sanroku Clean Center (Happo Hakuba)	Kita Alps Eco park (Genyu Omachi)	
Burnable garbage	Burnable garbage	Use the Kita Alps Wide Area Union Disignated bag for burnable.	0	0	
Burn	Burnable bulky wastes	Weight System : Charge by weight : ¥ 200/10 kg	×	O (Charge)	
Non burnable garbage	Metallic Waste	Use the Kita Alps Wide Area Union Disignated bag for metaric waste.	0	0	
No burn garb	Glass scraps • Ceramic scraps				
Hazardo us waste	Dry cell, Fluorescent lamp (Include LED bulb)、Mercury thermometer • Thermometer	No bag is required.			
Recyclable materials	Plastic containers and packaging, White plastic tray, PET bottles, Glass bottles (Colorless, Brown, Other colors), Paper containers and packaging, Paper cartons, Aluminum cans, Papers, Clothing, Cloths, Small appliances	Place in the containers or the boxes provided for each items.	O	0	
rclable	Corrugated cardboard	Fold up and place in the designated zone.	0	0	
Recy	Newspapers, Flyer, Magazines	Tie a cross and place in the designated zone	0	0	
	Waste cooking oil	Put into clear container with a tight lid and place in the designated zone. 18 tans will be unabable to use.	0	0	

Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM Closed on Sat., Sun. and public holidays We will inform you when we have

a special open day.

Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM

Sat. and 4th Sun. 9AM - 11AM

Closed on Sun. other than the 4th Sun

and the national holiday

- Oversize waste, specified appliances, hazardous materials, industrial waste and medical waste cannot be brought in.
- For business activities such as accommodation and shops, please use the business waste bags designated by the Kita A;ps Wide Area Union. If a large amount is disposed of at one time, it may be refused, so please consign it to a licensed collection contractor.
- Take care not to drop or scatter waste or recyclables during transport.

 [For inquiry] Hakuba Recycle Center 20261-72-3312

 Kita Alps Eco Park 20261-85-5311

Priority support benefits (70,000 yen payment) for soaring prices of electricity, gas, food goods, etc.

In light of the increase in burdens caused by soaring prices of electricity, gas, foodstuffs, etc., Japanese government provide **70,000 yen** per household, especially for households exempt from residence tax, which have a significant impact on households.

Households that fall under any of the following are eligible.

- Household tax exempt from residence tax in FY2023
- Households that resided in Hakuba village as of Dec 1st.

Households that are **not** eligible for benefits





- Households that include those who have not yet declared the resident tax in FY2023 (excluding those who are dependent on resident tax).
- Households consisting of only dependent relatives who are subject to residence tax.
- Households that have filed a tax treaty, where the municipal inhabitant tax per capita rate is not imposed.

For inquiries: Health and Welfare Division 0261-85-8101

FY2025 Final Tax Return (Kakutei-Shinkoku) & Resident Tax (Juminzei) Return

Date February 16 (Fri) – March 15 (Fri)
Weekday AM 9:00-11:00 PM13:30-16:00

Resident Tax (Juminzei) is a local tax which is levied on the residents who have a registered address in Hakuba as of <u>January 1st</u> every year. You will be unable to obtain an "Income Certificate" if you do not submit a tax return. Besides, you might be charged a higher Health Insurance Tax based on our estimated calculation.

The following residents are responsible for filing a Resident Tax Return:

- ▶ Those who <u>have **not** completed</u> the year-end tax adjustment.
- ▶ Those who <u>have completed</u> the year-end tax adjustment,

but have an income other than that salary.

*You must report your additional income, regardless of the amount, for calculating the Resident Tax.

► Those who have no income on last year.

The items required for submitting the tax return

- 1 Passport, Residence Card
- ② Record of withholding income tax (Gensen-choshu-hyo) or salary details
- ③ Receipts of Medical expenses •Social insurance premium •Life insurance premium, etc.
- 4 Bank book or materials with your bank details (for receiving the tax return if any)

[Appointment consultation]

We will be accepting consultations by appointment only. Consultation is approximately 15 minutes per person.

Make a booking

Booking starts on February 1 (Thu) Weekday 8:30-17:15

By Call 0261-85-0712

(Taxation Division Direct)

By Email

<u>zeimu@vill.hakuba.lg.jp</u> In person

At Taxation Counter

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire regarding your type of visa or residency status before your appointment.

■ Payment Schedule of This Month

	Payment	Account	Payment Method			I
	due date	transfer :Kouza Furikae	Cash	Account Transfer	Credit card	Payment App.
8 th of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	January	January	0	0	0	0
4 th of 4 Payment Resident Tax	31(Wed)	25(Thu)	0	0	0	0
6 th of 8 payments Medical Insurance For Elderly			0	0	500	(-)
Water &Sewer Bills	January 31(Wed)	January 25(Thu)	0	_	3 <u>-48</u> 8	0

	Payment Method		
Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores		
Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, 82 Bank, Nagand Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank		
Credit card	VISA Den Cal		
Payment App	R LINE Pay		

EASY TAX PAYMENT OR Code Payment

By scanning the QR code printed on the payment slip with a

smartphone or other device, payment of village taxes can be made through the eLTAX website, Apps or at QR code-compatible financial institutions.

■Kosodate Shien

· Notices/Information from Kosodate Shien Room is posted on the Hakuba Village office official website and Hakuba Village Maternal and Child Health Handbook App "Ohisama Memories by BO-SHI-MO:母子モ". https://www.mchh.jp/login







For inquiries/

Child-Raising Support Division TEL: 0261-85-8101

Child Check-up Venue: Fureai Center 1F

Date		Event	Eligible Child		
Jan 19 (Fri)		Baby Food Consultation	Born in May - July, 2023		
	23 (Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in November, 2023		
	29 (Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed		
Feb	5 (Tue)	Childcare/Breastfeeding Consultation	Appointment needed		
	8(Wed)	Childcare Consultation	Born in September, 2023		
••••••		Childcare Consultation	Born in March, 2023		
	14(Wed)	Health Checkup for 1.5-year-old	Born in May - July, 2022		
	22 (Thu)	Health check-up for infant	Born in September - November, 2022		
		Health check-up for toddler	Born in November, 2023		
	26(Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed		
	27 (Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in December 2023		

Ski & Snowboard **Injuries**

Shintani Clinic

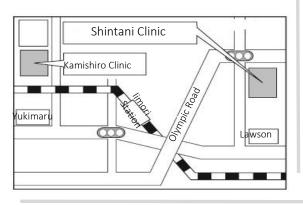
December 23 (Sat) - March 31 (Sun)

Open Date

Year End Holiday Dec29-Jan3rd Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays 13:00 - 17:00

- General Surgery/Orthopedic Surgery

Please no general internal medicine consultations.



Nagano prefecture Emergency Call Center

Weekday : 19:00pm- 8:00am Weekends/Public Holiday: 20:00pm-8:00am

When you wonder if you should call ambulance or visit doctors at emergency illnesses or injuries,

2all #7119 *Call 026-231-3021 if you call with Dial IP Line.

When residents are suddenly ill or injured and are not sure whether they should call an ambulance or go to a hospital immediately, they can receive emergency telephone consultation and medical institution information from a consultant (nurse), including appropriate advice on the need to seek medical attention and how to handle the situation.

Establish and operate a call center for emergency telephone consultation (#7119) by opening a telephone hotline at night and on holidays to reduce the burden on fire departments (emergency services) and emergency medical institutions, as well as to provide security and safety to residents.

For Child Emergencies (Under 15 years old) Call#8000

(Operation Hour: 19:00pm-8:00am everyday)

A nurse and other medical staff will deal with your inquiries such as whether you should take your child to a hospital when your child suddenly becomes sick at night.

■Clinics, Hospitals and Pharmacy's open during holidays

	Opening Hours: 9 A.M. ~ 5 P.M.					Reception Hours: 9A.M. ~ 11A.M. (Please call before coming over)			Pharmacy
		Day of week	Clinic On Duty						On Duty
М	D		Northern District (Hakuba • Otari)	Omachi City	Southern District (Ikeda* Matsukawa)	Dental	Clinic		in Hakuba
January	14	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Morooka Dental Clinic	lkeda	0261- 62-9781	Ota Pharmacy
	21	SUN	Yokosawa Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Nishimori Orthopedic Clinic	Sunada Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-0648	Hakuba Apple Pharmacy
	28	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Ito Clinic	Ota Clinic	Okae Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261- 62-9888	Fujinoya Pharmacy
February	4	SUN	Hakuba Clinic	Ishizone Clinic	Matsumoto Clinic	Takeuchi Dental Clinic	Ikeda	0261- 62-2151	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	11	SUN	Otarimura Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Takeda Dental Clinic	Hakuba	0261- 72-8060	232777 6
	12	MON	Yokosawa Clinic	Endo Internal Medicine Clinic	Serizawa Clinic	Nishizawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 22-5091	Hakuba Apple Pharmacy
	18	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Ono Clinic	Yoshimura Clinic	Sato Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 23-3211	Ota Pharmacy
	23	FRI	Hakuba Clinic	Hirabayashi Clinic	Midori Clinic	Kashiwabara Dental Clinic	Hakuba	0261- 71-1182	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	25	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Yokosawa Internal Medicine Clinic	Herb-no-sato Clinic	Green Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261- 23-6666	Fujinoya Pharmacy

For emergency cases of pediatrics and internal diseases on weekday nights, please go to "North Alps Weekday Night **Emergency Center for** Pediatrics & Internal Medicine". TEL: 0261-26-6199 Please do not request for the ambulance service for minor injury and illness or it will be overloaded when there is an emergency.

For inquiries: Health and Welfare Division 0261-85-8101