



Welcoming the New Year in Hakuba Village

Dear Residents and Friends of Hakuba Village,

Happy New Year. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you all as we welcome the New Year filled with hope and new possibilities.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued understanding and warm cooperation in all aspects of village administration throughout the year.

Looking back on the past year, we strongly felt changes in the natural environment, beginning with the heaviest snowfall in a decade, followed by extreme summer heat and an increase in bear sightings across Japan. In Hakuba Village, we launched new initiatives including the development of child-rearing support facilities, the installation of integrated rooftop solar panels on public buildings, and the introduction of the local digital currency "Alps Pay." It was also a significant year in which we worked on formulating the 6th Comprehensive Plan, outlining our community development policy for the next decade, as well as the Tourism Destination Management Vision, which sets the direction for sustainable tourism.

While we are grateful that many people from Japan and around the world continue to choose Hakuba as a place to visit and live, we also recognize the challenges that come with increasing cultural and linguistic diversity. Based on feedback from resident surveys, community meetings, workshops, and advisory councils, we established the core philosophy of the 6th Comprehensive Plan as: "Living in Harmony, Nurturing Lives – A "Best Living Village" Built on Mutual Support and Shared Happiness".

Guided by this philosophy, we aim to live together with Hakuba's greatest assets—its nature and its people—while fostering environmental, social, and economic well-being. Our vision is a village where diverse people are connected, support one another, and share happiness.

Similarly, through the Tourism Destination Management Vision, we are shaping policies that promote tourism while enhancing residents' quality of life and preserving local history, culture, and community. In an era of rapid global change, we believe it is essential to prioritize livability and the happiness of our residents.

Looking ahead, the Milan–Cortina Winter Olympics will be held in February, and we look forward to the participation of Nordic combined athletes Akito and Yoshito Watabe, as well as freestyle skier Kokone Kondo. As Mr. Akito Watabe has announced his retirement after this season, we hope residents will come together to support him in his final appearance and invite you to join our public viewing events.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of Hakuba Village, following the merger of Kamishiro and Hokujo villages. To pass on an even stronger Hakuba to the next generation, we ask for your continued understanding and cooperation as we work together as one community.

In closing, I sincerely wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Warm regards,
Mayor of Hakuba Village
Toshiro Maruyama



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Hakuba Local Days at Local Ski Resorts



Thanks to the generous support of the village's ropeway operators, "Hakuba Village Residents' Days" will be now offered again this season.

This year, the program has been significantly expanded:

Every Sunday and Monday, from each ski resort's December opening day through the end of the season, will be eligible.

Village residents can enjoy a special discounted lift ticket rate of 3,000yen for a one-day adult pass.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Tourism Commission of Hakuba Village
Hakuba village information
399-9301 5497, Hokujo, Hakuba, Kitaazumi, Nagano
Business hours : 9:00~17:00
TEL.0261-85-4210

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.

Snow – Control Housing Improvement Project / Net Zero Energy House

Snow-Control House Improvement Project

A Subsidy will be provided for a part of the construction cost of snow-control housing to reduce the physical burden of clearing snow from the roofs of houses and to prevent accidents such as falling down.

1. Eligible snow-control construction

(Except for combined dwellings where the residential area is less than 1/2 of the total floor area)

Heated Snow-Melting System New construction, extension, renovation	A system that melts roof snow by using thermal energy such as electricity, gas, or kerosene.
Natural Snow-Sliding System *Renovation only	A system that allows snow to slide off naturally by modifying the roof structure, such as increasing the roof slope.
Manual Snow Removal System *Renovation only	A system that ensures the safety of manual snow removal work by installing measures such as fixed lifeline anchors and snow guard fittings.

2. Subsidy Rate and Limit

	Snow Control Construction		
	Snow-melting type	Snow-falling type	Snow-removing type
Subsidy Rate	1/4 [1/3]	1/4 [1/3]	2/3
Limit	750,000yen [900,000yen]	600,000 yen [700,000 yen]	200,000 yen

1. In the case of an elderly household, etc., both the subsidy rate and the maximum amount will be in 【 】.

2. Construction work eligible for subsidy must meet various conditions (slope of the roof, construction company etc.)



To reduce CO2 emissions resulting from home use of electricity and gas, the government is promoting the spread of Net-Zero-Energy Housing (ZEH).

Hakuba Village will subsidize up to 300,000 yen per unit for "ZEH New Construction" or "ZEH renovation" that meet the following requirements, utilizing subsidy programs provided by the government and Nagano Prefecture.

【Eligible government or prefectural projects】

Subsidy for Projects to Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions (ZEH Support Program under the Net Zero Energy House(ZEH) Promotion Scheme for Detached Houses)	Ministry of the Environment
Advanced Window Renovation Support Subsidy Program	
FY2025 Energy-Efficient Water Heater Support Program	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
Child-Rearing Eco-Home Support Program	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
Child-Rearing Green Housing Support Program	
Shinshu Healthy Zero-Energy Housing Grant	Nagano Prefecture

For inquiries: Construction Division TEL 0261-85-0724

Payment Schedule of January

EASY TAX PAYMENT QR 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. ◆eLTAX

<https://www.payment.eltax.lta.go.jp/>



	Payment due date	Account transfer :Kouza Furikae	Payment Method				Payment Method	
			Cash	Account Transfer	Credit card	Payment App.	Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores
8 th of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	Feb 2 (Mon)	Jan 26 (Mon)	○	○	○	○	Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, 82 Bank, Nagano Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank
6 th of 8 payments Medical Insurance For Elderly							Credit card	
4 th of 4 payments Resident Tax							Payment App	
Water & Sewer Bills			○	○	—	○		

● Celebrating New Marriages in Hakuba Village



To celebrate the marriage of couples who submit their marriage registration in Hakuba Village, and to foster a lasting sense of attachment to the village and their special memories, Hakuba Village has created an originally designed Marriage Registration Form and Marriage Commemorative Certificate.

Both the marriage registration form and the commemorative certificate feature designs inspired by the majestic Northern Alps and the townscape of Hakuba. In addition, a photo frame will be presented as a commemorative gift.

This program began on January 1, 2026. Couples who wish to receive the Marriage Commemorative Certificate and gift are kindly requested to inform the counter staff at the time of application.



FY2026 Final Tax Return (Kakutei-Shinkoku) & Income Declaration

[Date] February 16 (Mon) – March 16 (Mon)
Weekday AM 9:00-11:00 PM 13:30-16:00

Resident Tax (Juminzei) is a local tax which is levied on the residents who have a registered address in Hakuba as of January 1st 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 have not completed the year-end tax adjustment.
- ▶ Those who have completed 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 2 (Mon)
Weekday 8:30-17:15

By Call 0261-85-0712

(Taxation Division Direct)

In person

At Taxation Counter

Hakuba Village Office

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

Temporary Child Rearing Support Room

Date	Event	Target Child
Jan 22(Thu)	Health check-up for 1 and half year old	Born in March - July, 2024
26(Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed
27(Tue)	Health Checkup for 2-year-old	Born in November-December,2023
Feb 4 (Wed)	Health check-up for infant	Born in September-December,2024
	Health check-up for infant	Born in August-November,2024
10(Tue)	Health check-up	Born in August 2025
	Dental Checkup	Born in March 2024
17(Tue)	Health check-up for 3-year-old	Born in October 2022- January 2023
18(Wed)	Food Consultation	Born in July 2025
24(Tue)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed

In accordance with reconstruction, some functions of the Child Rearing Support Room will be temporarily relocated to the "Fureai Center".



For inquiries/Child-Raising Support Division
TEL: 0261-85-8101

◆ Basic Checkups ◆

Check-ups	Eligible members	Costs	Included tests	
Tokutei Kenshin Lifestyle Health Check-ups	Persons aged 40-74 enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program	10,000 yen Valid tests	Blood pressure	Body checkups
			Blood test	(Weight, Height etc)
			Fat metabolism	Urine test
			Glycometabolism	(Glucose, Protein, Occult blood)
			Liver function	ECG
			Renal function	Funduscopy
Checkups for persons with Medical Care System for Senior Citizens Insurances	Persons aged 75 or older		Anemia	Consultation
Checkups for persons Aged 30s	Persons aged 30-39	2,000 yen	Other	



Please fill in the required information and return it to us with a return envelope enclosed. Alternatively, there is a collection box at the counter of the Health and Welfare Division of Hakuba Village Office as well.

◆ Cancer Screening ◆

Check-ups	Cost	Eligible members	Included tests
Lung cancer	500 yen	Persons aged 40 or older	X-ray
Stomach Cancer	1,500 yen		
Colorectal Cancer	500 yen		Sample test (2days)
Prostate Cancer	1,800yen	Male aged 50 or older	Blood tests (PSA:Prostate-specific antigen)
Cervical Cancer	1,500 yen	Female aged 20 or older	Pap smear, Internal examination
		Those who did not have a cervical screening in the previous year in Hakuba Village	
Breast Cancer	2,000 yen	Female aged 40-74	Mammography
		Those who did not have a breast cancer screening in the previous year in Hakuba Village	

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Health and Welfare Division TEL: 0261-85-0713

Ski & Snowboard Injuries

Shintani Clinic

December 23 (Sat) – March 31 (Sun)

[Open Date]

Saturdays, Sundays and Public

Holidays 13:00 – 17:00

– General Surgery/Orthopedic

Surgery

PLEASE NOTE

No general internal medicine consultations

Nagano prefecture Emergency Call Center

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

Call #7119 *Call 026-231-3021

if you call with Dial IP Line.

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



Proper Use of the 110 Emergency Number

110 is an emergency telephone number used to receive reports as quickly as possible from victims or witnesses when serious incidents or accidents occur. It enables the police to promptly and appropriately provide aid to the injured and apprehend suspects.

For consultations or general inquiries, please contact the Police Consultation Hotline **#9110** (dial: #, 9, 1, 1, 0) or call the Omachi Police Station directly.

Non-urgent or unnecessary calls to 110 may interfere with the police's ability to respond to incidents and accidents that truly require immediate attention.