



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF HAKUBA VILLAGE



Anniversary Message from the Mayor

On September 30, 2026, Hakuba Village will celebrate an important milestone: 70 years since the former villages of Kamishiro and Hokujo merged to form Hakuba Village in 1956.

■ Honoring the Generations Before Us

The Hakuba we know today has been shaped by many people. Our residents, former residents who continue to care deeply about their hometown, local businesses and organizations, and the generations who came before us have all played an important role in the development of our village. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported and contributed to Hakuba over the past 70 years.

This month also marks another special milestone: the 600th issue of Newsletter. For many years, this newsletter has shared local events, community activities, the beauty of Hakuba, and the work of the village government. Through times of change, it has continued to record and share the story of our village. I would also like to thank all the readers, contributors, and everyone who has supported over the years.

Looking back over the past decade, Hakuba Village has introduced a number of projects to support the lives of our residents. These include the construction of the Hakuba Village School Lunch Center, the opening of a new space for children, improved local transportation, and the digitalization of administrative services.

■ Taking Pride as One of the "Best Tourism Villages"

Hakuba has also continued to share its attractions with people in Japan and around the world. The appointment of Hakuba Tourism Ambassadors and Hakuba's selection as one of the UN World Tourism Organization's Best Tourism Villages have helped introduce our village to a wider audience. We have also been proud to see many athletes from Hakuba achieve success on the world stage.

Hakuba has developed as a village blessed with a rich natural environment, spectacular mountain scenery, and a strong reputation as one of Japan's leading destinations for winter sports.

At the same time, the COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on our community. As travel and international entry were restricted, visitor numbers dropped significantly, creating serious challenges for accommodation providers, restaurants, and many other local businesses.

Despite these difficulties, the efforts and creativity of our residents, businesses, and local organizations helped the community move forward. As the local economy gradually recovered, growing interest in outdoor activities and nature also brought renewed attention to the lifestyle and natural environment that make Hakuba special.

In 2023, Hakuba was selected as one of the UN World Tourism Organization's *Best Tourism Villages*. This was an important moment of international recognition and reflected the efforts of many people in our community.

■ Best Living Village

This year, Hakuba Village also began its Sixth Comprehensive Plan under the vision: Living in Harmony, Nurturing Lives — A "Best Living Village" Built on Mutual Support and Shared Happiness.



Our Journey in Photos #1: Where It All Began



The History of Hakuba Village

September 30, 1956	Kamishiro Village and Hokujo Village merged to form Hakuba Village.
August, 1957	The entire Oito Line opened.
August, 1964	The Crown Prince and Crown Princess visited Mount Happo-One for a climb.
March, 1972	Limited express train service began operating between Hakuba and Shinjuku.

■ A Village Where Everyone Enjoys a Fulfilling Life

Our goal is to protect and nurture our natural environment and local culture while creating a community where people support one another and everyone can enjoy a happy and fulfilling life.

Hakuba is changing rapidly. More people are visiting from Japan and overseas, bringing new energy and opportunities to the village. At the same time, we face challenges such as population change, labor shortages, and maintaining strong local communities.

■ Cherishing Our Nature, Culture, History, and Connections

As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hakuba Village and the 600th issue of newsletter, we have an opportunity to look back on our history and think about the future.

We must continue to value the natural environment, culture, history, and connections between people that have been passed down to us. By adapting to change while protecting what makes Hakuba special, we can pass these important treasures on to future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we move forward together into the next chapter of Hakuba's history.

October, 1986	Hakuba Ohashi bridge construction was completed
December, 1992	The Hakuba Ski Jumping Stadium was completed
December, 1997	The Aoki-ko (Lake Aoki) Bypass opened
February 22-27, 1998	The XVIII Olympic Winter Games (Nagano 1998) were held
November 22, 2014	The Nagano-ken Kamishiro Fault Earthquake occurred
October 1, 2023	Hakuba Village was selected as a UN Tourism (UNWTO) Best Tourism Village



Toshio Maruyama



Our Journey in Photos

#2: Where We Are Today



Hakuba Village 70th Anniversary Logo Selected!

Selected by resident vote from four finalists, the winning design by Chinatsu Yokosawa (6th Grade, Hakuba Kita Elementary School) will serve as the official symbol for Hakuba's 70th anniversary!

Look out for the logo in upcoming anniversary events and on special commemorative lapel pins.

Thank you to everyone who submitted designs and voted!



Original image
by Chinatsu Yokosawa, 6th grader
in Hakuba Kita Elementary School

Closure of the Hakuba Daisekkei Trail



The Hakuba Daisekkei Trail has welcomed many hikers this season. However, due to increasingly hazardous conditions on the snowfield, the trail closed starting August 31, until further notice. To reach the summit of Mt. Hakuba, please detour via the Hakuba Yari Onsen Route or the Tsugaike Route, and continue to prioritize safety on your climb.

Inquiries: Tourism Division | Tel 0261-85-0722

Information Session for Businesses Employing Foreign Winter Staff

More than 1,700 foreign residents moved to Hakuba last winter, and a similar number is expected this year. Resident Division of Hakuba Village will hold an information session for businesses employing foreign staff during the winter season. Please join the session those businesses employing foreign staff during the winter season. The session will explain:



- Moving-in registration
- National Health Insurance
- Resident tax and other related procedures

Date & Time: October 16, 2026, PM 2–4

Venue: Meeting Rooms 201 & 202, 2nd Floor, Hakuba Village Office

For any questions and more details: Resident Division TEL 0261-85-0715

Come out to the Eco Fest this November



Join us at the Hakuba Recycling Plaza for the 'Kita Alps Eco Fest,' a day dedicated to thinking about our environment together as a community! Check out the event program below. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages—from kids to adults—to consider how we can build a sustainable future.

- When: November 8(Sunday) 10:00 AM— 3:00 PM
- Where: Hakuba Recycling Plaza

Parking is available at Fureai no Mori, Matsukawa Riverside Road, and Happo Parking Lot #5.

Inquiries: Resident Division | Tel 0261-85-0715



Fall Blood Donation

When: **October 29 (Thursday)**
13:00-16:00

Where: Fureai Center 1F,
Hakuba Village Office

Donations are vital to help patients. Please give 400ml if eligible (+ 50kg)

Inquiries: Health and Welfare Division

Please Drive Slowly on Residential Roads!

Starting September 1st, 2026, the legal speed limit on “residential roads” has been reduced **from 60 km/h to 30 km/h**. This rule applies to relatively narrow roads without a centerline or median strip, which are used by local residents for commuting, shopping and everyday activities.

Where the 60 km/h limit still applies:

1. Roads with a centerline or traffic lanes
2. Divided highways with a median strip
3. Certain expressway areas (excluding main lanes and adjacent acceleration/deceleration lanes)
4. Expressways

Note: If a specific speed limit is displayed on road signs, that posted speed takes priority.

Regardless of the speed limit, please always drive considerately and adjust your speed according to traffic and weather conditions. [Drive safely!](#)

For more information, please visit the [Metropolitan Police Department website](#).



■ Payment Schedule of September

Payment Method			Payment due date	Account transfer :Kouza Furikae	Payment Method			
Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores				Cash	Account Transfer	Credit card	Payment App.
Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, 82 Nagano Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank	4 th of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	Sep 30 (Wed)	Sep 25(Fri)	○	○	○	○
Credit card		2 nd of 8 payments Medical Insurance For Elderly						
Payment App		Water & Sewer Bills	Sep 25(Fri)				—	—

■ Clinics, Hospitals and Pharmacy's open during holidays in October to December

Opening Hours: 9 A.M. ~ 5 P.M.						Pharmacy On Duty in Hakuba
M	D	Day of week	Clinic On Duty			
			Northern District (Hakuba・Otari)	Omachi City	Southern District (Ikeda・Matsukawa)	
October	4	SUN	Otarimura Clinic	Ishizone Clinic	Ota Clinic	—
	11	SUN	Shintani Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	12	MON	Hakuba Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Matsumoto Clinic	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	18	SUN	Hakuba International Clinic	Hirabayashi Clinic	Serizawa Clinic	Ota Pharmacy
	25	SAT	Yokosawa Clinic	Ono Clinic	Yoshimura Clinic	Apple Pharmacy
November	1	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Yokosawa Internal Clinic	Midori Clinic	Ota Pharmacy
	3	TUE	Hakuba Clinic	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Azumi Hospital	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	8	SUN	Hakuba International Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Herb-no-sato Clinic	Ota Pharmacy
	15	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Ishizone Clinic	Wakabayashi Clinic	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	22	SAT	Shintani Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	23	MON	Otarimura Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Kondo Clinic	—
	29	SUN	Yokosawa Clinic	Ono Clinic	Nishimori Orthopedic Clinic	Apple Pharmacy
December	6	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Hirabayashi Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Ota Pharmacy
	13	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Yokosawa Internal Clinic	Ota Clinic	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	20	SUN	Hakuba Clinic	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Azumi Hospital	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	27	SUN	Shintani Clinic	Kikuchi Clinic	Matsumoto Clinic	Fujinoya Pharmacy

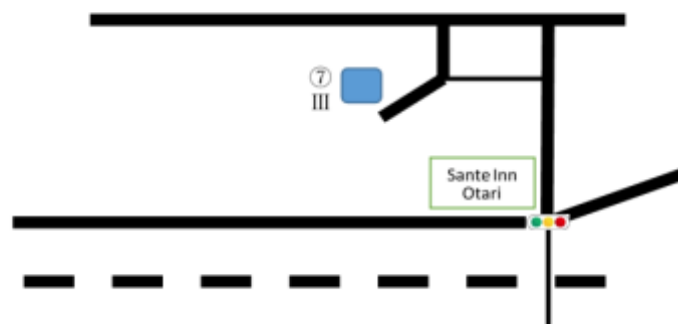
● Please do not request for the ambulance service for minor injury and illness or it will be overloaded when there is an emergency. Guests should request the ambulance service through the owner, the staff of the hotel or Inn where you are staying at.

● 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) If you do not have a family doctor, or if you are not sure where to go on weekends, holidays, or at night, please contact the Consultation Center. (TEL: 0120-924-444 24Hrs) For a person with hearing difficulties Fax(026-403-0320) is available.

● Pharmacy is open on Saturdays.

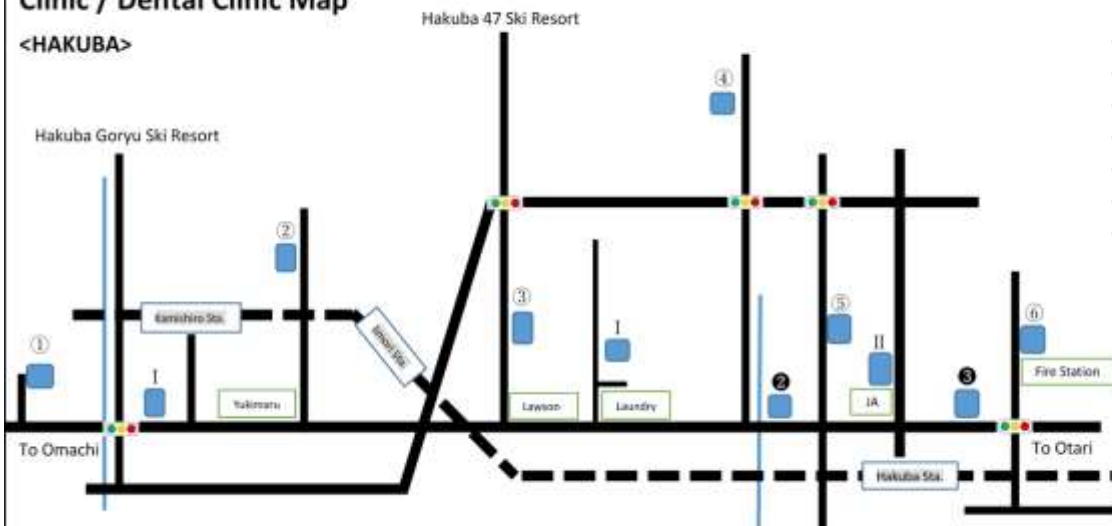
Reception Hours: 9A.M. ~ 11A.M. (Please call before coming over)					
M	D	Day of week	Dental Clinic		
October	11	SUN	Nishizawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-22-5091
	12	MON	Azumi Hospital	Ikeda	0261-61-1168
November	22	SUN	Azumino Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261-62-2332
	23	MON	Ito Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261-62-8880

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Clinic / Dental Clinic Map

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| ① Hakuba Clinic | 75-4123 |
| ② Kamishiro Clinic | 75-7050 |
| ③ Shintani Clinic | 75-4177 |
| ④ Hakuba International Clinic | 85-2264 |
| ⑤ Kurita Clinic | 72-2428 |
| ⑥ Yokosawa Clinic | 72-2008 |
| ⑦ Otariimura Clinic | 82-2044 |
| ① Fujinoya | 75-2017 |
| ② Ota Pharmacy | 72-5593 |
| ③ Apple Pharmacy | 72-6203 |
| I. Takeda Dental Clinic | 72-8060 |
| II. Oda Dental Clinic | 72-6482 |
| III. Otari Dental Clinic | 82-2762 |