# 2020 Annual Report

Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (HIECC)

#### **History of HIECC**

#### The northern regions concept and the establishment of the Northern Regions Center

The northern regions concept was first introduced in 1971 in the Third-term Hokkaido Comprehensive Development Plan (– 1977), a long-term road map for the development of Hokkaido. This concept aimed to improve Hokkaido's industrial economy, the lives of Hokkaido residents and its culture and advance local development suitable to the northern region through exchanges with the United States, Canada and Northern European countries with highly developed cultures in the same snowy cold climate as that of Hokkaido. As a body to promote this concept, the Northern Regions Research Council was established along with the aforementioned comprehensive development plan. The council was approved as an incorporated body in January 1972, and the Northern Regions Information Center was also established in November 1976. These organizations were developmentally reorganized, and the Northern Regions Center (NRC) was launched in April 1978. NRC developed wide exchange activities that focus on northern regions as a unique international organization with think tank, data bank and exchange functions. In July of the same year, the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation was also established to provide financial support to private exchange programs with northern regions.

#### Expansion of international exchange and cooperation activities

The marked progress of globalization from the 1990s onward further intensified interdependent relationships in the international community, and raised expectations for international cooperation in local communities. While maintaining existing relationships with northern countries, NRC also partly revised its articles of incorporation in June 1995 to expand the scope of its activities to other regions. In line with this revision, NRC was entrusted, in April 1996, with the management and operation of Hokkaido International Centers (Sapporo, Obihiro), which were established by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to accept technical trainees from developing countries. NRC also took charge of the Hokkaido Government's project to accept technical trainees. In March 1998, NRC was recognized as a Local International Exchange Association (one organization for each prefecture or government-designated city) by the Ministry of Home Affairs (the present Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications) to assume a comprehensive and important role in international exchange/cooperation in Hokkaido. NRC incorporated the Hokkaido International Exchange Center for Youth and Women in April 1998, the Hokkaido Overseas Association in July 2006 and the North Pacific Region Advanced Research Center (NORPAC) in April 2010. To help increase the number of foreign workers, the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center was also established in August 2019. It is entrusted by the Hokkaido Government as a Multicultural General Information Consultation One-stop Center for Foreigners to obtain the necessary information, and have consultations, on immigration procedures and various matters relating to living, including employment, etc.

#### As a comprehensive center for international activities

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of its foundation in April of 2008, NRC established a committee to consider the future direction of NRC. The committee then compiled a report on future goals and activities in response to current demands to position NRC as a comprehensive center for international activities in Hokkaido.

In the ordinary General Assembly meeting in May 2010, the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation was changed into the International Exchange Foundation to expand the target areas of exchange programs eligible for financial support from northern regions to the entire world. In addition, a member system for students was newly established to expand the membership.

In 2018, to commemorate its 40th anniversary, HIECC hosted various kinds of memorial events, including lectures on international understanding, symposiums and concerts.

#### Transition into a public interest incorporated association and change of the name

During the ordinary General Assembly meeting in May 2011, the proposal to revise its articles of corporation for the transition into a public interest incorporated association was approved, and the Northern Regions Center transitioned into such an association on August 1 of the same year, with the approval of the Hokkaido Governor. The name of the Northern Regions Center was also changed to the Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (HIECC for short).

Currently, HIECC is actively developing its programs to realize a rich, vigorous regional society through international exchanges and cooperation with countries around the world, while fulfilling its social responsibility as a public interest incorporated association.

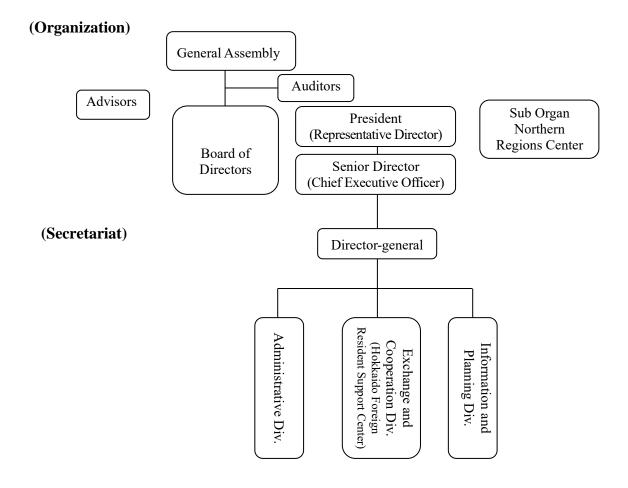
	History
Apr. 1971:	Northern Regions Research Council established
Jan. 1972:	Approved as an incorporated body by the Prime Minister
Apr. 1978:	Reorganized into the Northern Regions Center
Apr. 1996:	Entrusted with the management and operation of Hokkaido International Centers
Mar. 1998:	Recognized as a Local International Exchange Association by the Minister of Home Affairs
Apr. 1998:	Incorporates the Hokkaido International Exchange Center for Youth and Women
Jul. 2004:	Incorporates the Northern Regions Exchange Foundation
Jul. 2006:	Incorporates the Hokkaido Overseas Association
Apr. 2010:	Takes over the operations of the North Pacific Region Advanced Research Center
Aug. 2011:	Transitions into a public interest incorporated association and changes its name to the Hokkaido International
	Exchange and Cooperation Center
Aug. 2019:	Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center established

#### Organization

HIECC is a public interest corporation consisting of 598 corporate and individual members as of March 31, 2020, and has a General Assembly consisting of members and a Board of Directors consisting of directors selected by the General Assembly.

President (Representative Director), Vice Presidents and Senior Director (Executive Director) are selected by the Board of Directors. In the system to execute the operations of HIECC, the President controls the operations as a representative of HIECC and the Senior Director takes his/her share of the operations and executes it.

The Secretariat, which is set as an organization that executes operations, has three divisions – the Administrative, Exchange and Cooperation as well as Planning and Information divisions, and the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center belongs to the Exchange and Cooperation Division.



#### **International Exchange Salon**

This salon provides materials relating to international exchange/cooperation bodies in Hokkaido and elsewhere. Commemorative gifts from overseas visitors are also exhibited.

The International Exchange Salon is connected to the entrance of the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center.



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#### **Advisors and Executive Officers**

(As of June 23, 2020)

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#### Vice President and Senior Director

Masahiro Echizen

#### Directors

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Director-general, United Nations Association of Japan, Hokkaido Head Office

Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

Chairman, North Pacific Bank, Ltd. Chairman, Hokkaido Bank, Ltd. Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center

Ueda Keiichi Certified Public Accountant Office Senior Director, Hokkaido Sports Association

# FY 2019 Business Outline Holding of Board of Directors and Ordinary General Assembly Meetings

#### 1. 1st Board of Directors meeting, FY 2019

Date and time: May 23 (Thu.), 2019 Place: Hotel Sapporo Garden Palace Proceedings:

o Approval of the FY 2018 business report and financial statements

• Adoption of a resolution calling for an ordinary General Assembly meeting

Partial change of the business plan for FY 2019 and application for certification of a change to the public interest corporation

#### 2. Ordinary General Assembly meeting, FY 2019

Date and time: June 25 (Tue.), 2019 Place: Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo

Proceedings:

o Approval of the FY 2018 business report and financial statements

• Approval of the FY 2019 business plan and budget

• Appointment of directors

#### 3. 2nd Board of Directors meeting, FY 2019

Date and time: June 25 (Tue.), 2019 Place: Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo Proceedings: • Appointment of vice presidents

#### 4. 3rd Board of Directors meeting, FY 2019

**Due to the influence of COVID-19, it was deemed completed based on the paperwork.** Proceedings:

 $\circ$  Approval of the FY 2020 business plan and budget

- o Approval of discretionary disposition regarding budget amendments
- $\circ$  Approval of delegation of the position of an advisor



**Ordinary General Assembly meeting** 

# **Promotion of Multiculturalism Community Development**

#### **Development of Foreigner-Friendly Communities**

#### 1. Operation of the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center (This project was contracted by the Hokkaido Government.)

With the aim of realizing "Hokkaido chosen by foreigners as foreigner-friendly for work and living," the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center was established on August 29, 2019 as a Multicultural General Information Consultation One-stop Center that played an active role as an overall desk in Hokkaido and provided foreigners with the necessary information and opportunities to have consultations on immigration procedures and various matters relating to living, including employment. The center staff consult foreign residents in Hokkaido on various matters of daily living, and have transmitted information on COVID-19 in various languages since February, thus supporting many foreign residents.

• System: 4 full-time staff (Director of the Center, Manager, Chief Counselor and Counselor [English]) 8 part-time staff (Multilingual Counselors [Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog])

- Corresponding languages: 11 languages using a telephone interpretation system (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Thai, Indonesian, Tagalog, Russian, Burmese)
- Business hours: 9:00 12:00, 13:00 16:00 only on weekdays

• Total number of consultations: 542 (from the date of establishment to March 31)

Country	Total number	Country	Total number
China	45	Viet Nam	42
Taiwan	7	African countries	3
Korea	7	European countries (Canada, U.S.A, etc.)	91
Philippine	24	Japan	81
Indonesia	13	Others (Hong Kong, Myanmar, etc.)	55
Thailand	4	Unknown	71

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consultations	Fields	Total number	Country	Total number
consultations	Immigration procedures	8	Housing	8
	Employment and labor	13	Status, marriage, etc.	13
	Social insurance and	1	Disaster prevention	1
	medical treatment			
	Pension and taxes	13	Children's education	13
	Birth and childcare	167	Others	167

- Holding remote consultation meetings: Consultation services were provided at a total of 12 bureaus in various subprefectures in Hokkaido to handle consultations from foreigners.
- 1. Kamikawa General Subprefectural Bureau (Asahikawa) October 31 (Thu.)
- 2. Oshima and Hiyama Subprefectural Bureau (Hakodate) November 10 (Sun.)
- 3. Iburi General Subprefectural Bureau (Muroran) November 27 (Wed.)
- 4. Soya General Subprefectural Bureau (Wakkanai) December 7 (Sat.)
- 5. Shiribeshi General Subprefectural Bureau (Kutchan) December 10 (Tue.)
- 6. Sorachi General Subprefectural Bureau (Takikawa) January 18 (Sat.)
- 7. Tokachi General Subprefectural Bureau (Obihiro) January 25 (Sat.)
- 8. Kushiro General Subprefectural Bureau (Kushiro) January 26 (Sun.)
- 9. Okhotsk General Subprefectural Bureau (Kitami) February 1 (Sat.)
- 10. Okhotsk General Subprefectural Bureau (Mombetsu) February 2 (Sun.)
- 11. Rumoi Subprefectural Bureau (Rumoi) February 15 (Sat.)
- 12. Hidaka Subprefectural Bureau (Urakawa City) February 22 (Sat.)



Remote consultation meeting by the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center (Kitami)

\*The event in Nemuro and Ishikari subprefectural bureaus were postponed due to the spread of COVID-19.

#### 2. Activities as the Multicultural Network Promotion Council

To take specific initiatives to promote multiculturalism, HIECC built a network of international exchange organizations in Hokkaido and implemented various projects that contributed to the realization of a multicultural society while working together and cooperating with the organizations.

1) Multiculturalism enlightenment project

To promote community development where foreigners can fully contribute to the development and revitalization of regions as residents, HIECC held lectures under the theme of support for foreigners in times of disaster, and Japan's new system for foreign workers among other subjects.

June 14 (Fri.), Chitose

Participants: 20 (In cooperation with: Chitose International Communication Society) Theme: Development of Communities Friendly to All Residents

#### 2) Multicultural coordinator seminar

To promote a multicultural society, HIECC held a seminar for project coordinators (persons in charge of the project) in various fields across Hokkaido.

October 2 (Wed.), Asahikawa

Participants: 48 (In cooperation with: Hokkaido International Foundation [Hakodate])



Seminar on the efforts on multiculturalism



Experience of HUG (Hinanjo Unei Game [a shelter management game])

#### 3. Support projects for foreigners in times of disaster

1) Nuclear emergency evacuation drill for foreign tourists

On the occasion of the nuclear emergency response exercise hosted by the Hokkaido Government, foreign tourists staying in Shakotan Town participated in a drill to promptly evacuate foreign tourists from the "Evacuation-Prepared Area in Case of Emergency" after a nuclear accident. The participants also experienced simulated use of the Tourist Emergency Support Station, an evacuation site established in Sapporo.

November 17 (Sun.), Shakotan and Sapporo Participants (foreigners): 22



Foreign participants who were lectured about the evacuation procedure by the hotel staff



Experience of use of the Tourist Emergency Support Station

2) Information session on the recruitment of multilingual supporters in times of disaster in Hokkaido

An information session on the recruitment of multilingual supporters, who would register for HIECC to play active roles to support foreigners in times of disaster, was held in Hakodate. Attendees underwent training, including roleplay simulation to gain a life-like experience in times of disaster.

November 9 (Sat.), Hakodate

Participants: 9 (co-host: Hokkaido International Foundation [Hakodate])



A lecture on problems that foreigners often experience in times of disaster



Participants experienced the translation of disaster information

- 3) Registration of multilingual supporters in times of disaster in Hokkaido Number of registered supporters: 64 (51 in FY 2018)
- 4) Fire drill at Hokkaido International School

In conjunction with Ishikari Subprefectural Bureau, a seminar on disaster prevention was cohosted to provide simulation experiences of evacuation and living in a shelter at the time of a disaster for Hokkaido International School students and their parents.

December 12 (Thu.), Sapporo Participants: approx. 150 (co-host: Ishikari Subprefectural Bureau)



Senior students giving a lecture to students in lower grades



Assembling a cardboard bed hands-on experience

5) Multilingual disaster-related data pool and transmission infrastructure promotion project The websites of HIECC and the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center unitarily transmit information from the Hokkaido Government and foreign consular offices in Hokkaido to allow foreigners in Hokkaido to obtain information easily by strengthening the information transmitting function in times of disaster. (Utilizing a grant of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations [CLAIR])

#### 4. Regional collaboration network project (regional multiculturalism meetings)

To promote collaboration between international exchange bodies in each region, HIECC held information exchange meetings on multiculturalism, international exchange activities and conditions for acceptance of foreigners.

November 1 (Fri.), Esashi	Participants: 13
December 6 (Fri.), Wakkanai	Participants: 12
December 19 (Thu.), Urakawa	Participants: 16

#### 5. Hokkaido Multicultural Award commendation program

With the aim of creating a society in which foreign residents in Hokkaido can contribute to regional development and revitalization, HIECC has commended two organizations that had been engaged in outstanding activities in various fields, including personnel training, living environment improvement, disaster prevention, education and regional development since FY 2016.

Organizations selected for Excellence awards:

[Nihongo Volunteer Group "MADO" (Sapporo)]

The group has provided Japanese lessons to foreign residents in Hokkaido on a voluntary basis for 26 years since its establishment in 1993 to the present, and plays an active role to enhance international exchanges and mutual understanding. In 2018 alone 369 foreign residents from 42 different countries utilized the service.

[Nonprofit Organization, Hokkaido Kaihinbika wo Susumerukai (Sapporo)]

The beach clean-up activity, "International Picking-up-Trash Campaign While Walking on the Beach" has been held roughly ten times annually across Hokkaido since 2014, contributing to local clean-up activities. After such an activity, participants also participated in local festivals, promoting mutual understanding with residents. A total of approximately 1,000 foreigners took part in the event.

Awards ceremony: January 21 (Tue.), 2020, Sapporo Prince Hotel



Yukiko Kawabata, Representative of Nihongo Volunteer Group "MADO" (Second from the left in the front row) Susumu Mizusaki, President of Hokkaido Kaihinbika wo Susumerukai (Second from the right in the front row)

# Global human resource development for the future Human resource development to connect with the world

#### 1. Project for High School Students to Build Bridges in Asia

HIECC dispatched 10 high school students from Hokkaido to the Kingdom of Cambodia to cultivate internationally minded young people who can actively collaborate with a different human resources in each country and the students inspected the activity fields of the local NGOs.

- Dispatch period: July 28 (Sun.) August 3 (Sat.)
- Participants: 10 high school students
- Others: 4 training sessions (2 preliminary training sessions, 2 follow-up training sessions), 4 briefing sessions (at high schools in Hokkaido)



A student holding a metal detector used for mine clearing



Participating in farming activities with local children

#### 2. Youth Eco-Forum 2019

HIECC dispatched two high school students from Hokkaido to the Youth Eco-Forum 2019 to cultivate individuals capable of discussing environmental issues with young people in northern countries and to develop their communication skills through human resource development projects, including preliminary and follow-up training sessions.

- Dispatch period: October 6 (Sun.) 12 (Sat.)
- Destinations: Akureyri, Republic of Iceland
- Participants: 2 high school students
- Others: 3 preliminary training sessions. The scheduled follow-up training sessions and a briefing session were canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.



Presentation on efforts made to protect the Hokkaido environment



Discussion with participants from other regions

#### 3. Jeju Youth Forum 2019

HIECC dispatched three high school students from Hokkaido to the Jeju Youth Forum, an event hosted by Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, South Korea. The aim of the dispatch was to promote exchanges and mutual understanding with young people in Jeju.

- Dispatch period: October 31 (Thu.) November 4 (Mon.)
- Destination: Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, South Korea
- Participants: 3 high school students
- Others: 4 preliminary training sessions. The scheduled briefing session was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.



High school students from Hokkaido dressed in Ainupatterned *happi* coats participated in the event.



A participant answering a question that was asked in English

#### 4. Overseas youth training project

Although six young people from companies and organizations in Hokkaido were scheduled to be dispatched to Singapore and Viet Nam between February 16 and 23 for the exchange project, it was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

#### Exchanges with international students

#### 1. Project to help increase the number of international students

To help increase the number of international students at each university in Hokkaido, HIECC conducted promotion activities aimed at universities, related international organizations and students.

- 1) Operation of the promotion website "STUDY IN HOKKAIDO" (http://study-hokkaido.com)
- 2) Publication and distribution of guidebooks for studying in Hokkaido
- 3) Participation in the Study in Japan Fair (hosted by the Japan Student Services Organization) Venue: Indonesia

HIECC distributed brochures about Hokkaido and universities in Hokkaido to promote universities in Hokkaido to students and educators.

- November 23 (Sat.), Surabaya venue; number of visitors to the HIECC booth: approx. 240
- November 24 (Sun.), Jakarta venue; number of visitors to the HIECC booth: approx. 480
- 4) Publication of e-mail newsletters to international students who had returned home For international students who had returned home from Hokkaido, HIECC published the email newsletter *News for Ryugakusei Supporters* to further promote international students' employment in Hokkaido through the provision of up-to-date information on Hokkaido, including job opportunities. (issued two times a year)

#### 2. International exchange support project for international students

To help increase the number of international students, HIECC provided grant aid for privately funded international students at universities in Hokkaido and registered the recipients as international student supporters to facilitate their participation in regional exchange programs conducted in each region in Hokkaido.

• Details of grant aid for study: Amount of 15,000 yen per month for a total of 50 privately funded international students

#### 3. Human resource exchange promotion project with Viet Nam

To promote economic exchanges between Hokkaido and Viet Nam, HIECC conducted various projects including human resource exchanges in collaboration with the Hokkaido Government.

- Participation in the economical human resource exchange promotion meeting with Viet Nam HIECC participated as a member in the meeting set up by the Hokkaido Government.
- 2) Promotion activities in Viet Nam

The "Hokkaido Vietnam Economical Human Resource Seminar, Japan Vietnam Festival" (Ho Chi Minh), in which HIECC was scheduled to participate, was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

#### 4. Implementation of regional exchanges with international students

To promote international students' understanding of Hokkaido and exchanges with local people, HIECC participated in the regional event and held an exchange party.

Hokkaido Foreign Student Exchanges in Tokachi

August 12 (Mon.) – 14 (Wed.) Taiki, Sarabetsu, Obihiro International student participants: 21



Mini volleyball exchanges with local people in Taiki Town



Lesson on "Netchu Elementary School" by Takeshi Nishiyama, Mayor of Sarabetsu Village

5. Registration of everyday goods for support of international students

Number of registered items in FY 2019: 11 (3 in the last FY)

# **Promotion of International Exchanges**

#### Implementation of various exchange programs with other countries

#### 1. Youth exchange program between Japan and China

Based on the "Heilongjiang-Hokkaido Youth Exchange Agreement" made and entered into by Heilongjiang, China and Hokkaido in 2008, exchanges were conducted under the theme of "music" following the exchanges implemented in FY 2008. In collaboration with Harbin University of Music and Sapporo Otani University, a delegation visited Abira Town, one of the areas affected by the Hokkaido Eastern Iburi earthquake, and held a Japan-China Young People's Fureai Concert.

Host period: December 11 (Wed.) - 13 (Fri.)

Delegation: 3 officials of the Heilongjiang Government and 12 professors and students of Harbin University of Music

Japan-China Young People Fureai Concert: December 12 (Thu.) Hayakita Town Center



Courtesy visit to Sapporo Otani University



Japan-China Young People Fureai Concert (Abira Town)

#### 2. Japan-South Korea exchange program

To foster specific exchanges and cooperation between Hokkaido and South Korea, exchanges involving "mini volleyball," a unique sport that originated in Taiki Town, Hokkaido based on its aging society, was conducted under the agreement with Gyeongsangnam-do Athletic Association. In 2019, HIECC hosted a mini volleyball delegation from Gyeongsangnam-do, for exchanges with the team in Hokkaido.

Host period: July 11 (Thu.) – 13 (Sat.)

Number of delegation members: 2 from Gyeongsangnam-do Athletic Association and 14 from Gyeongsangnam-do Mini Volleyball Association

Places visited: Sapporo and Asahikawa

Cooperation bodies: Hokkaido Mini Volleyball Association, Sapporo Mini Volleyball Association and Asahikawa Mini Volleyball Association



Members of the delegation and the Hokkaido team deepening their friendship after a friendly mini volleyball match in Sapporo and Asahikawa

#### 3. Grants-in-aid project for international exchanges

HIECC provided grants-in-aid that were used by international exchange bodies in Hokkaido for exchange programs with various other regions in the world to develop the industrial economy and living conditions in Hokkaido. **FY 2019 Grants-in-aid** 

Target for grants-in-aid	Organizer	Amount (¥1,000)
Memorial Exhibition of the 100th Anniversary of	Hokkaido Finland Society	200
Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Finland		
Kitami-Elizabeth 50th Twinning Anniversary Program	Executive committee of the program	100
Mongol Naadam Festival 2019	Ryugakusei Friendship	200
Japan and U.S.A Homestay & Cultural Exchange Program	World Youth Japan	100
Hokkaido-Heilongjiang Art Exchange Exhibition 2019	Hokkaido Cultural Organization Council	200
Junior Jazz International Exchange Program	Sapporo Cultural Arts Foundation	100
"Meeting in Ainola" master class & concert by the	The Sibelius Society of Japan Hokkaido	100
members of Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra	Branch	
Medical services and welfare for elderly people beyond the	Japanisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft	100
borders - Symposium commemorating the 135th		
anniversary of the birth of the first chairman, Seishichi Ono		
Total: 8 programs		1,100

#### **4. Registration of international exchange volunteers** Number of registered volunteers: 36 (36 in FY 2018)

#### 5. Hosting of international delegations in Hokkaido

HIECC hosted a visiting group of people who are the descendants of emigrants from Hokkaido to Argentina to promote their understanding of Hokkaido, their ancestors' land, and to deepen the friendship through an exchange party and an inspection tour of Hokkaido companies.

Host period: January 29 (Wed.) – February 5 (Wed.) Number of youth delegation members: 6 of the Argentine Youth Exchange Delegation



Farewell party with persons concerned to deepen members' mutual understanding



Commemorative photo during the long-awaited tour of Sapporo Snow Festival

#### 6. Support program for emigrants

- Support for associations representing people who had emigrated from Hokkaido abroad To support the operation of associations representing people who had emigrated from Hokkaido abroad, HIECC provided grants-in-aid.
- Associação Hokkaido de Cultura e Assistência (Hokkaido Association of Culture and Assistance) (Brazil), Argentina Association of People from Hokkaido (Argentine), Paraguay Federation of Associations of People from Hokkaido (Paraguay), Sakhalin Association of People from Hokkaido (Russia), Hokkaido Overseas Emigrants Family Association (Japan)
- 2) Participation in ceremonies commemorating emigration of Hokkaido people to South America To participate in ceremonies commemorating the 100th anniversary of emigration of Hokkaido people to Brazil and the 80th anniversary of emigration of Hokkaido people to Paraguay, Toshio Sato, President of HIECC, joined the celebration delegation consisting of officials of the Hokkaido Government and the Hokkaido Prefectural Assembly for exchanges with persons concerned of both countries.



Venue of the memorial ceremony of associations representing people who had emigrated from Hokkaido in Alto Parana

August 24 (Sat.) Sao Paulo Memorial ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of emigration of Hokkaido people to Brazil August 21 (Wed.) Asuncion Memorial ceremony commemorating the 80th anniversary of emigration of Hokkaido people to Paraguay

Mr. Sato, President of HIECC, presents a commemorative gift to Mr. Onuma, President of the Associação Hokkaido de Cultura e Assistência (Hokkaido Association of Culture and Assistance)



3) Participation in the Hokkaido Tourism and Food and Product Fair

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of emigration of Hokkaido people to Brazil and the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Associação Hokkaido de Cultura e Assistência (Hokkaido Association of Culture and Assistance), HIECC took an active role as the secretariat of the support association when the Hokkaido Tourism and Food and Product Fair, which introduced Hokkaido to residents in Brazil with a connection with Hokkaido and the emigrants.

• Hokkaido Tourism and Food and Product Fair: September 14 (Sat.) - 15 (Sun.) Sao Paulo

# 7. Project to host international students who are descendants of former emigrants from Hokkaido abroad

To promote South America exchanges, HIECC hosted descendants of former emigrants from Hokkaido abroad as international students to support their education.

Number of international students: 1 from Brazil

University: Department of Information and Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering, Hokkaido University of Science

#### 8. Exchange programs in collaboration with other organizations

- All Japan Chinese Speech Contest, Hokkaido Tournament October 13 (Sun.) Kaderu 2.7 Co-host: Japan-China Friendship Association
- 2) International Youth Forum, Sapporo

University/high school students in Hokkaido and persons involved in Japan - United States exchanges participated in a workshop of group discussions on the theme, "How to build The Civilian Society."

November 3 (Sun.) Participants: 80

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Keio Plaza Hotel

Co-host: The America-Japan Society of Hokkaido

3) The 42nd Sapporo International Night

International students and Japanese students held discussions and attended an exchange party providing opportunities to interact with other young people across the world and to deepen friendships.

December 15 (Sun.); Participants: 286 Japanese students and 66 other people from 26 countries, Kaderu 2.7/Keio Plaza Hotel

Co-host: The Hokkaido Youth Foundation for Science and Culture



Group discussion on a theme



Ethnic dance performance by Viet Nam students (Abira Town)

#### 4) International DAY program

To expand exchanges between Hokkaido and overseas sister/friendship tie-up regions, HIECC hosted culture introduction events relating to the relevant sister/friendship tie-up regions in collaboration with the Hokkaido Government on each date of commemoration of their friendship tie-up.

- State of Hawaii (U.S.A): May 9 (Thu.) 14 (Tue.)
- $\circ$  Gyeongsangnam-do (Korea): June 6 (Thu.) 7 (Fri.)
- Alberta (Canada): October 13 (Sun.)
  Seoul (Korea): November 20 (Wed.)
- Sakhalin State (Russia): November 30 (Sat.)
- Busan (Korea): December 12 (Thu.) 13 (Fri.)
- Korea (Jeju Province): December 17 (Tue.)
- $\circ$  Massachusetts (U.S.A.): February 6 (Thu.) 7 (Fri.)
- $\circ$  Chiang Mai (Thailand): February 25 (Tue.) 26 (Wed.)

5) Regular international exchange lectures

May 16 (Thu.) Theme: International Relationships Lecturer: Condos Yusuf, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sapporo

July 8 (Mon.) Theme: Considering a Sustainable Future Lecturer: Naoko Yago, JICA staff

September 9 (Mon.) Japanese Culture Introduction Meetings Foreign residents could experience a tea ceremony, *ikebara* flower arrangement, kimono dressing and Japanese calligraphy.

November 13 (Wed.) Theme: Japanese Speech Presentation – I Want to Convey My Thoughts Meeting party with presenters and all participants after speeches by 17 Japanese learners

January 14 (Tue.) Theme: From Italy to Hokkaido – Road of Translation Lecturer: Pier Giorgio Girasole Co-host: Hokkaido International Women's Association

6) International Exchanges in Shakotan

In response to a request from the Shakotan Board of Education, HIECC cooperated and supported an international exchange program held at elementary and junior high schools in the town by inviting international students at Hokkaido University and Hokkaido Government overseas trainees.

November 16 (Sat.) Pupil and student participants: 94 International participants: 22 Shakotan (4 elementary schools and 1 junior high school)



International students from the Philippines and China who are asked a question by a first grader of Bikuni Elementary School



With pupils of Bikuni Elementary School

7) World cooking classes

In collaboration with other organizations, HIECC held cooking classes for the purpose of helping them deepen their mutual understanding by learning about the lives and cultures of other countries through world cooking classes.

October 4 (Fri.), Asahikawa; co-host: Ryabina Japan-Russia Cultural Exchange Association

# **Promotion of International Cooperation**

#### 1. Participation in the training projects of JICA

HIECC was entrusted with partial co-hosting of trainees from developing countries with JICA Hokkaido International Center (Sapporo), and coordinated curriculums and training courses with training implementation organizations.

Training course name	Period	Trainee
1) Issue-specific training, "Road	May 7 – Jun. 15	8 trainees from French-speaking
Maintenance Management (E)"		countries, such as Cameroon
2) Issue-specific training, "Comprehensive	Jun. 7 – Aug. 10	8 trainees from English-speaking
Engineering on Water Supply Systems (B)"		countries, such as Nepal
3) Issue-specific training, "Road	September 14 – October 12	8 trainees from English-speaking
Infrastructure Management System"		countries, such as Afghanistan
4) Country-specific training, "Strengthening		9 trainees from French-speaking
Capacity to Formulate Community	October 28 – November 8	1 0
Development Plans in Mali"		countries, such as Mali



Trainees taking the Road Infrastructure Management System course receive field training on bridge inspection in Kimobetsu



Trainees taking the Road Infrastructure Management System course inspect Japan's first concrete breakwaters (Otaru)



Kurdish trainees taking the Comprehensive Engineering on Water Supply Systems course inspect a water purification plant



After inspection of Michi-no-Eki Niseko (Strengthening capacity to formulate community development plans in Mali)

#### 2. Preliminary field survey for the JICA Partnership Program

HIECC conducted a preliminary field survey for the JICA Partnership Program (commissioned by JICA Hokkaido) to establish the business structure required to manage tap water in Pokhara, Nepal, which was scheduled to be implemented by partnering with Sapporo City Waterworks Bureau. HIECC also exchanged opinions on the project policies and possible projects with its counterparts, Nepal Water Supply Corporation and the Social Development Research Center (SDRC).



Courtesy visit of Dr. Bhupendra (center), General Manager of Nepal Water Supply Corporation (Kathmandu)



Visit with Mr. Amil (center right), Head of the Pokhara Branch Office of the Nepal Water Supply Corporation, the proposed site of the project

#### 3. Hosting of trainees from overseas

HIECC hosted descendants of emigrants from Hokkaido living in South America as technical trainees and provided technical training.

Trainees: 2 (1 from Paraguay, 1 from Argentina)

Institutions for training: Faculty of Law, Hokkai-Gakuen University; Hokkaido Culinary School, Miyajima Gakuen



Presentation on the Labor Law in Paraguay to Toshimasa Yasukata, President of Hokkai-Gakuen University



A trainee from Argentina preparing tempura

#### 4. Publication of the "Deai" information magazine on international cooperation

To introduce international cooperation and developing countries as well as the programs and activities implemented by HIECC and other international exchange/cooperation organizations in Hokkaido, HIECC published the Deai information magazine on international cooperation. It was published two times during the year and released on the website (Vol. 86 - 87).

# **Promotion of International Mutual Understanding**

#### 1. Convening a lecture on international understanding

HIECC held a lecture on the theme of "Inauguration of direct flight service between Hokkaido and Helsinki - Considering Hokkaido as a gateway" to promote international understanding after an ordinary general meeting of Finnair following its decision to launch a direct flight service between New Chitose and Helsinki.

- June 25 (Tue.), Sapporo Keio Plaza Hotel Participants: 100
- Lecture: "Inauguration of direct flight service between Hokkaido and Helsinki Considering Hokkaido as a gateway"
- o Lecturer: Hiroaki Nagahara, General Manager, Finnair Japan





A trainee from Argentina preparing tempura

Presentation on the Labor Law in Paraguay to Toshimasa Yasukata, President of Hokkai-Gakuen University

#### 2. Convening northern regions seminars

In collaboration with other organizations, seminars were organized to raise awareness of the accumulated knowledge and experience concerning the industrial economy and lifestyles of northern countries with a similar climate as Hokkaido, and to exchange information on regional development.

- 1st Seminar: April 26 (Fri.), Meeting room, Kaihatsu Koei, Co., Ltd. Participants: approx. 50
- Lecture: Exchanges between Karolinska Institute and the Faculty of Advanced Life Science, Hokkaido University

Lecturer: Masataka Kinjo, Professor, Faculty of Advanced Life Science, Hokkaido University Co-host: Hokkaido Sweden Society

 2nd Seminar: May 28 (Tue.), International Convention Center Pamir, Sapporo Prince Hotel Participants: approx. 60

Sweden Seminar

 $\circ\,$  Speech and lecture by embassy chargé d'affaires

Victoria Forslund Bellass, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sweden

• The Way of Thinking on the Difference between Rich and Poor and on National Welfare - What is the situation in Sweden? How is it in Other Countries?

Masanao Meguro, Secretary-general of the Hokkaido Sweden Society

 $\circ$  "Beyond 2018" In consideration of the 150 years of Japan and Sweden relations – Suggestion for the Future

Kazuhiko Kawasaki, Professor emeritus of Tokai University Co-host: Swedish Center Foundation



Victoria Forslund Bellass gives a lecture

Kazuhiko Kawasaki taking questions from participants

 3rd Seminar: December 17 (Tue.), Hokuyo Bank Seminar Hall Participants: approx. 130

Theme: Connecting Hokkaido and Finland

- $\circ$  Keynote speeches: Strengthening of the partnership between Hokkaido and Finland beyond borders
- Lecturer: Pekka Orpana, Ambassador of the Republic of Finland Co-host: Hokkaido Japan-Russia Association Panel discussion:
- o Mitsuo Iguchi (Honorary advisor of Hokkaido Finland Society)
- Kaoru Shiraishi (Director of JETRO Regional Management Center)
- Akio Ito (Professor, Hokkai School of Commerce, Chairman of Hokkaido Society of Regional Tourism)
- Akira Kimoto (Specially appointed Deputy Director General of Hokkaido Research Institute for the Twenty-first Century)
- $\circ$  Co-host: Hokkaido Government, Hokkaido Finland Society, Hokkaido EU Association



Ambassador, Pekka Orpana gives a lecture



Panel discussion

\*The 4th Northern Regions Seminars, "Promotion of Exchanges between Hokkaido and Regions in Russia" scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

#### 3. North Pacific Region Advanced Research Project

Seminars on important themes related to politics, economy and diplomacy in Northeast Asia were organized, and researchers and other concerned people were invited as guests.

Seminar on the International Situation

June 14 (Fri.), Hokkaido University Conference Hall Small Auditorium Participants: approx. 80

- Theme: Meaning of the Peace Deal between Russia and Japan Considering the Future of the Relationship between Japan and Russia
- Lecture 1: Why Negotiations are not Advancing: Considering Japan's Diplomacy toward Russia
- Lecturer: Akihiro Iwashita (Professor, Hokkaido University Slavic-Eurasian Research Center)
- Lecture 2: Japan-Russia Relations and Territorial Disputes from the Perspective of Northeast Asian Security
- Lecturer: Shinji Hyodo (Director, Regional Studies Department, National Institute for Defense Studies)
- Co-host: The Association for the Inter-Regional Study Between Japan-Russia and Hokkaido-Russian Far East, Hokkaido University Slavic-Eurasian Research Center





Akihiro Iwashita taking a question from a participant Ambassador, Shinji Hyodo, gives a lecture \*The international symposium, "Northeast Asia Situation – Japan and South Korea," scheduled on Thursday, March 26 was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

#### 4. Consular Exchange Promotion Projects

To promote internationalization of Hokkaido, as the executive office of the Council of Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido, HIECC provided various projects in collaboration with consulate-generals, consulates, trade offices and honorary consuls in Hokkaido.

- 1) General meeting of the Council of Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido July 5 (Fri.), International Convention Center Pamir, Sapporo Prince Hotel
- 2) School visit project

Following requests from junior high and high schools in Hokkaido, consul-generals and other staff of consulate-generals visited the schools to introduce outlines of their countries' life and culture and to implement exchange programs to broaden the students' global insight.

- o July 18 (Thu.), Tomakomai Ryokuryo Junior High School
- o August 20 (Tue.), Tomakomai-Minami High School
- August 26 (Mon.), Ebetsu Daiichi Junior High School
- September 5 (Thu.), Tomakomai Chuo High School

o December 12 (Thu.), Sapporo Kohoku Elementary School's Branch School Himawari

3) International Week

In collaboration with the staff of the Council of Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido, panels and film materials were exhibited and performances to introduce culture, such as ethnic dances and music performances, were implemented to introduce the culture and the history of each country. In addition, to promote greater visibility or the presence of consulate-generals, opportunities to interact with consul-generals from each country were also provided, developing cross-cultural exchanges and international understanding. Period: November 20 (Wed.) – 22 (Fri.)

Venue: Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway Participants: approx. 11,000 (total number)



Ribbon-cutting ceremony



Flamenco dancing by staff of the Honorary Consulate of Spain

4) New Year's party

A New Year's party was attended by staff of the Council of Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido, officials of the Hokkaido Government, other government officials, including those from Sapporo City, and other representatives from the business community of Hokkaido, universities and the media as well as representatives from international exchange and cooperation bodies.

January 21 (Tue.)

Participants: 74

International Convention Center Pamir, Sapporo Prince Hotel

- Organizer greetings: Honorary Consul of the Honorary Consulate of New Zealand in Sapporo (Deputy Chairman of the Council of Foreign Consular and Trade Offices in Hokkaido)
- $\circ$  Guest greetings: Vice Governor of Hokkaido, Vice Mayor of Sapporo
- $\circ$  New Year's Toast: Director-General of METI Hokkaido



Greetings by Masanori Aoki, Deputy Chairman of the Council (Honorary Consul of New Zealand)



Participants having conversations at the party

# 5. "Hoppoken" magazine, annual report, Hoppoken special edition

HIECC published this edition of its magazine with an international theme relating to Hokkaido and distributed it to members and international exchange bodies in and outside Hokkaido.

 $\circ$  "Hoppoken" Vol. 186 published in September 2019

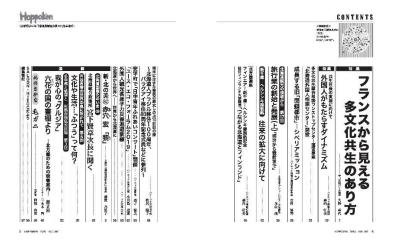


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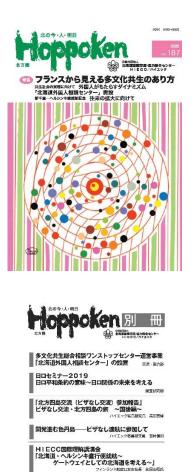




 $\circ$  "Hoppoken" Vol. 187 published in March 2020



 "Hoppoken" extra edition of the 2019 annual report Since the magazine has come to be published twice a year, HIECC made efforts to transmit timely international information as an extra edition of the 2019 annual report.



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#### 6. International information network system

On its website, HIECC widely transmitted information on international exchanges and cooperation. Facebook was also utilized to provide on-time information on HIECC projects and to introduce the results of the projects under HIECC Topics.

Access number to the website: April – March, monthly average: 3,100 URL: https://www.hiecc.or.jp/index.html



Top screen of the HIECC website



Screen of Facebook of HIECC

#### 7. Research study and collection of resource materials

HIECC participated in various projects relating to economical exchanges to conduct studies and to collect information, and transmitted the study results in the Hoppoken magazine and its website.

1) Field survey in Finland on the inauguration of the direct flight service between New Chitose and Helsinki HIECC conducted a field survey by visiting the related organizations, including Finnair, to consider the inbound and outbound possibilities following the inauguration of the direct flight service between Helsinki and New Chitose by Finnair. Since 2019 also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Finland, HEICC exchanged opinions on the possibility of deeper exchanges between Hokkaido and Finland with officials of the Finnish Japanese Society in Finland. HIECC officials also interviewed officials of the Embassy of Japan in Finland and Sámi Museum in Inari and Japanese company managers in the country.



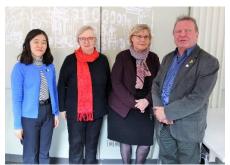
Jonne Lehtioksa, Vice President of Finnair, enthusiastically talks about the inauguration of the direct flight service at the head office of Finnair.



Risto Renkonen (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki), Chairman of the Paulo Foundation, of which HIECC has been a member since the 1980s, receives a certificate of gratitude.



Sámi Museum in Inari in the northern region, which had a strong relationship with the former National Ainu Museum.



Officials of Finnish Japanese Society with whom HIECC has relations since it was the Northern Regions Center.

2) Study of the possibility of new fields of economical exchanges in the Siberian region, Russia (commissioned by METI Hokkaido)

To assess the feasibility of new business ventures from Hokkaido and new fields of economical exchanges in the Siberian region, HIECC listed three fields; health, the environment and food, as potential new economical exchange targets following the technologies for cold regions and the IT industry in Novosibirsk of the Siberian region, and surveyed and analyzed the details of the local environment for the projects and needs for them, widely transmitting the results to Hokkaido industries.



Meeting with officials of Novosibirsk in the Siberian region

#### **Visitors to HIECC**

- (1) Country
- (2) Date
- (3) Title
- (4) Name (honorifics omitted)
- (5) Purpose of visit
- (1) Brazil
- (2) April 15, 2019
- (3) International Student who is a Descendant of Former Emigrants from Hokkaido Abroad
- (4) Karen Oneri Suzuki
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) Argentina
- (2) June 2, 2019
- (3) Hokkaido Government Overseas Trainee
- (4) Nicholas Leonardo Matsubara
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) Paraguay
- (2) June 2, 2019
- (3) Hokkaido Government Overseas Trainee
- (4) Midori Christina Shimakura Tsuchida
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) South Korea
- (2) July 11, 2019
- (3) Gyeongsangnam-do Athletic Association
- (4) Seo Jung-Rack, Head of the association and another members
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) South Korea
- (2) July 11, 2019
- (3) Gyeongsangnam-do Mini Volleyball Association
- (4) Kim Jeomsu and 13 other members
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) China
- (2) December 11, 2019
- (3) Heilongjiang Youth Exchange Delegation
- (4) Wu Yonggang, Director of Foreign Affairs Office and 14 other members
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) Brazil
- (2) January 27, 2020
- (3) Brazil-Hokkaido Culture and Welfare Association
- (4) Ichiro Oston Hirano, No. 2 Deputy Chairman, and 10 other members
- (5) Courtesy visit
- (1) Argentina
- (2) January 30, 2020
- (3) Argentine Youth Exchange Delegation
- (4) Margarita Kuki (delegation head) and 5 other members

(5) Courtesy visit

- (1) Finland
- (1) Finance
  (2) February 3, 2020
  (3) Counsellor of the President
  (4) Juhani Lillberg
  (5) Courtesy visit



Mr. and Mrs. Juhani Lillberg (center) and Masahiro Echizen, Senior Director of HIECC (center right)

# International Sister/Friendship Partners with Municipalities in Hokkaido

#### Municipality

(1) Partner municipalities
 (2) Country / Region
 (3) Affiliated year
 (4) Type of partnership
 (As of April 1, 2020)

#### Sapporo

(1) Portland

(2) U.S.A. / Oregon

(3) November 17, 1959

- (4) Sister city
- (1) Munich
- (2) Germany / Bayern
- (3) August 28, 1972
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Shenyang
- (2) China / Liaoning
- (3) November 18, 1980
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Novosibirsk
- (2) Russia / Novosibirsk State
- (3) June 13, 1990
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Daejeon
- (2) Korea
- (3) October 22, 2010
- (4) Sister city

#### Hakodate

- (1) Halifax
- (2) Canada / Nova Scotia
- (3) November 25, 1982
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Vladivostok
- (2) Russia / Primorsky Region
- (3) July 28, 1992
- (4) Sister city

(1) Lake Macquarie

- (2) Australia / New South Wales
- (3) July 31, 1992
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) September 27, 1997
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Tianjin
- (2) China
- (3) October 18, 2001
- (4) Friendship exchange city
- (1) Goyang
- (2) Korea / Gyeonggi-do
- (3) August 1, 2011
- (4) Sister city

#### Otaru

- (1) Nakhodka
- (2) Russia
- (3) September 12, 1966
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Dunedin
- (2) New Zealand
- (3) July 25, 1980
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Gangseo-gu, Seoul
- (2) Korea
- (3) July 22, 2010
- (4) Sister city

#### Asahikawa

- (1) Bloomington
- (2) U.S.A / Illinois
- (3) October 11, 1962
- (4) Sister city

(1) Normal

- (2) U.S.A / Illinois
- (3) July 7, 1987
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) November 10, 1967
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Suwon
- (2) Korea / Gyeonggi-do
- (3) October 17, 1989
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Harbin
- (2) China / Heilongjiang
- (3) November 21, 1995
- (4) Friendship city

#### Muroran

- (1) Knoxville
- (2) U.S.A / Tennessee
- (3) January 16, 1991
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Rizhao
- (2) China / Shandong
- (3) July 26, 2002
- (4) Friendship city

# Kushiro

- (1) Burnaby
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) September 9, 1965
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Kholmsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) August 27, 1975
- (4) Sister city

#### Obihiro

(1) Seward

(2) U.S.A/Alaska

(3) March 27, 1968

- (4) Sister city
- (1) Chaoyang
- (2) China / Liaoning
- (3) November 17, 2000
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Madison

(2) U.S.A / Wisconsin

- (3) October 25, 2006
- (4) Sister city

#### Kitami

- (1) Elizabeth
- (2) U.S.A / New Jersey
- (3) June 12, 1969
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Poronaysk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) August 13, 1972
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Jinju
- (2) Korea / Gyeongsangnam-do
- (3) May 16, 1985
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Barrhead
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) July 4, 1991
- (4) Sister city

#### Yubari

- (1) Fushun
- (2) China / Liaoning
- (3) April 19, 1982
- (4) Friendship city

#### Iwamizawa

(1) Pocatello
 (2) U.S.A / Idaho
 (3) May 20, 1985
 (4) Sister city

(1) Canby

(2) U.S.A / Oregon

(3) July 19, 1989

(4) Sister city

#### Abashiri

(1) Port Alberni

(2) Canada / British Columbia

- (3) February 9, 1986
- (4) Sister city

(1) Nam-gu, Ulsan

(2) Korea

(3) April 27, 2012

(4) Friendship exchanges

#### Rumoi

- (1) Ulan Ude
- (2) Russia / Buryat
- (3) July 5, 1972
- (4) Sister city

#### Tomakomai

(1) Napier

(2) New Zealand

- (3) April 22, 1980
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Qinhuangdao
- (2) China / Hebei
- (3) September 1, 1998
- (4) Friendship city

#### Wakkanai

- (1) Nevelsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) September 8, 1972
- (4) Friendship city

- (1) Baguio
- (2) Philippines
- (3) March 20, 1973
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Korsakov
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) July 2, 1991
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) September 9, 2001
- (4) Friendship city

#### Ashibetsu

(1) Charlottetown

- (2) Canada / Prince Edward Island
- (3) July 1, 1993
- (4) Sister city

#### Ebetsu

- (1) Gresham
- (2) U.S.A / Oregon
- (3) May 20, 1977
- (4) Sister city

#### Akabira

- (1) Samcheok
- (2) Korea / Gangwon-do
- (3) July 18, 1997
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Miluo
- (2) China/ Hunan
- (3) September 30, 1999
- (4) Friendship city

#### Mombetsu

- (1) Newport
- (2) U.S.A / Oregon
- (3) April 8, 1966
- (4) Sister city

(1) Korsakov

- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) January 12, 1991
- (4) Sister city

(1) Fairbanks

- (2) U.S.A/Alaska
- (3) February 8, 1991
- (4) Sister city

#### Shibetsu

(1) Goulburn Mulwaree

- (2) Australia / New South Wales
- (3) July 3, 1999
- (4) Sister city

#### Nayoro

- (1) Kawartha Lakes
- (2) Canada / Ontario
- (3) August 1, 1969
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Dolinsk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) March 25, 1991
- (4) Friendship city

#### Nemuro

- (1) Sitka
- (2) U.S.A/Alaska
- (3) December 19, 1975
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Severokurilisk
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) January 27, 1994
- (4) Sister city

#### Chitose

- (1) Anchorage
- (2) U.S.A/Alaska
- (3) April 21, 1969
- (4) Sister city

(1) Kongsberg

- (2) Norway / Buskerud
- (3) August 31, 1988
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Changchun
- (2) China / Jilin
- (3) October 11, 2004
- (4) Friendship city

#### Takikawa

- (1) Springfield
- (2) U.S.A / Massachusetts
- (3) August 7, 1993
- (4) Sister city

#### Fukagawa

- (1) Abbotsford
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) September 14, 1998
- (4) Sister city

#### Furano

- (1) Schladming
- (2) Austria / Steiermark
- (3) February 23, 1977
- (4) Friendship city

#### Noboribetsu

- (1) Saipan
- (2) U.S.A
- (3) November 20, 2006
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Faaborg-Midtfyn
- (2) Denmark
- (3) June 10, 2007
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Guangzhou
- (2) China / Guangdong
- (3) November 15, 2012
- (4) Friendship city

#### Eniwa

- (1) Timaru
- (2) New Zealand
- (3) February 13, 2008
- (4) Sister city

#### Date

- (1) Lake Cowichan
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) October 6, 1989
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Zhangzhou
- (2) China / Fujian
- (3) April 7, 2010
- (4) Friendship city

#### Ishikari

- (1) Campbell River
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) October 24, 1983
- (4) Sister city

(1) Vanino

- (2) Russia / Khabarovsk Region
- (3) June 3, 1993
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Pengzhou
- (2) China / Sichuan
- (3) October 24, 2000
- (4) Sister city

#### Naie

- (1) Hausjarvi
- (2) Finland / Häme
- (3) April 1, 1995
- (4) Friendship city

#### Kamisunagawa

- (1) Sparwood
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) September 23, 1980

(4) Sister city

#### Numata

- (1) Port Hardy
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) September 3, 1994
- (4) Sister city

#### Tobetsu

- (1) Leksand
- (2) Sweden / Dalarna
- (3) October 5, 1987
- (4) Sister city

# Rankoshi

- (1) Saalfelden
- (2) Austria / Salzburg
- (3) October 15, 1969
- (4) Sister city

# Kutchan

- (1) St. Moritz
   (2) Switzerland / Graubunden
   (3) March 19, 1964
- (4) Sister city

# Shakotan

- (1) Seaside
- (2) U.S.A / Oregon
- (3) May 17, 1966
- (4) Sister city

# Yoichi

- (1) East Dunbartonshire
- (2) United Kingdom / Scotland
- (3) November 11, 1997
- (4) Sister city

# Sobetsu

- (1) Kemijarvi
- (2) Finland / Lapland
- (3) May 22, 1993
- (4) Friendship city

## Shiraoi

(1) Quesnel
 (2) Canada / British Columbia
 (3) July 13, 1981
 (4) Sister city

## Shinhidaka

(1) Lexington
 (2) U.S.A / Kentucky
 (3) July 21, 1988
 (4) Sister city

## Nanae

(1) Concord
 (2) U.S.A / Massachusetts
 (3) November 15, 1997
 (4) Sister city

## Setana

(1) Hanford
 (2) U.S.A / California
 (3) August 11, 1991
 (4) Sister city

# Takasu

(1) Gold Coast

(2) Australia / Queensland

- (3) November 18, 1995
- (4) Sister city

#### Kamikawa

(1) Rocky Mountain House

- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) June 21, 1984
- (4) Sister city

## Higashikawa

- (1) Canmore
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) July 12, 1989
- (4) Sister city

(1) Rujiena

(2) Latvia

- (3) July 17, 2008
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Aniva
- (2) Russia
- (3) September 18, 2019
- (4) Sister city

## Kamifurano

- (1) Camrose
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) September 5, 1985
- (4) Friendship city

# Shimukappu

- (1) Aspen
- (2) U.S.A / Colorado
- (3) August 29, 1991
- (4) Sister city

# Kenbuchi

- (1) Palcamayo
- (2) Peru / Junin
- (3) July 6, 2011
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Tarma
- (2) Peru / Junin
- (3) September 28, 2015
- (4) Sister city

# Shimokawa

- (1) Kenora
- (2) Canada / Ontario
- (3) February 16, 2001
- (4) Friendship city

# Bifuka

- (1) Ashcroft
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) July 23, 1994
- (4) Friendship city

## Embetsu

(1) Castlegar
 (2) Canada / British Columbia

- (3) June 21, 1989
- (4) Sister city

## Teshio

- (1) Homer
- (2) U.S.A/Alaska
- (3) April 7, 1984
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Tomary
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) July 28, 1992
- (4) Friendship city

## Sarufutsu

- (1) Ozersky
- (2) Russia / Sakhalin State
- (3) December 25, 1990
- (4) Sister village

## Esashi

- (1) Solleftea
- (2) Sweden / Vasternorrland
- (3) November 4, 1996
- (4) Sister city

#### Bihoro

- (1) Cambridge
- (2) New Zealand / Waipa
- (3) October 12, 1997
- (4) Sister city

# Tsubetsu

- (1) Ershui Township
- (2) Taiwan
- (3) October 8, 2012
- (4) Friendship city

# Kiyosato

- (1) Motueka
- (2) New Zealand / Tasman
- (3) September 7, 1997
- (4) Friendship city

#### Saroma

- (1) Palmer
- (2) U.S.A/Alaska
- (3) October 28, 1980
- (4) Sister city

#### Engaru

- (1) Bastos
- (2) Brazil / São Paulo
- (3) October 18, 1972
- (4) Sister city

(1) Moirans-en-Montagne

- (2) France / Jura
- (3) May 22, 1998
- (4) Sister city

#### Yubetsu

(1) Whitecourt

- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) July 17, 1998
- (4) Friendship city
- (1) Selwyn
- (2) New Zealand
- (3) July 14, 2000
- (4) Friendship city

## Okoppe

- (1) Stettler
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) June 26, 1990
- (4) Sister city

#### Shikaoi

- (1) Stony Plain
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) August 26, 1985
- (4) Sister city

## Memuro

(1) Tracy
 (2) U.S.A / California
 (3) August 5, 1989

# Taiki

(1) Dashu, Kaohsiung

- (2) Taiwan / Changhua
- (3) September 1, 2015
- (4) Friendship exchanges

# Hiroo

- (1) Frogn
- (2) Norway / Akershus
- (3) October 22, 1996
- (4) Friendship exchanges

# Ikeda

- (1) Penticton
- (2) Canada / British Columbia
- (3) May 19, 1977
- (4) Sister city

# Toyokoro

(1) Summerland
 (2) Canada / British Columbia
 (3) June 11, 1996
 (4) Sister city

# Honbetsu

- (1) Mitchell
- (2) Australia / Victoria
- (3) September 15, 1991
- (4) Sister city

# Ashoro

- (1) Wetaskiwin
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) September 15, 1990
- (4) Sister city

# Rikubetsu

- (1) Lacombe
- (2) Canada / Alberta
- (3) July 5, 1986
- (4) Sister city

## Akkeshi

- (1) Clarence
- (2) Australia / Tasmania
- (3) February 9, 1982
- (4) Sister city

# Teshikaga

- (1) Shangqiu
- (2) China / Henan
- (3) September 17, 2005
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Bincheng, Binzhou
- (2) China / Shandong
- (3) October 21, 2005
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Sishui
- (2) China / Shandong
- (3) October 21, 2005
- (4) Friendship exchanges

#### Shiranuka

(1) Wulai, New Taipei City
 (2) Taiwan
 (3) July 14, 2017
 (4) Friendship exchanges

# Betsukai

- (1) Wasserburg
- (2) Germany / Bayern
- (3) May 10, 1979
- (4) Sister city

# Reference

# Hokkaido

- (1) Alberta
- (2) Canada
- (3) October 17, 1980
- (4) Sister city partnership
- (1) Heilongjiang
- (2) China

(3) June 13, 1986

- (4) Friend city partnership
- (1) Massachusetts
- (2) U.S.A
- (3) February 7, 1990
- (4) Sister city
- (1) Sakhalin State
- (2) Russia
- (3) November 22, 1998
- (4) Sister city partnership
- (1) Busan
- (2) Korea
- (3) December 14, 2005
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Gyeongsangnam-do
- (2) Korea
- (3) June 7, 2006
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Seoul
- (2) Korea
- (3) October 15, 2010
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Chiang Mai
- (2) Thailand
- (3) February 26, 2013
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Jeju Special Self-Governing Province
- (2) Korea
- (3) January 12, 2016
- (4) Friendship exchanges
- (1) Hawaii
- (2) U.S.A
- (3) May 8, 2017
- (4) Friendship exchanges

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- (1) Name
- (2) Address
- (3) Tel
- (4) Establishment

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- (3) +81-11-641-1115, +81-11-641-1116, +81-11-641-1117
- (4) June 1952

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(3) +81-11-218-0288

(4) June 1966

# (1) Consulate-General of the Russian Federation in Sapporo

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- (3) +81-11-561-3171, +81-11-561-3172
- (4) Oct. 1967

## (1) Office of the Consulate-General of the Russian Federation in Hakodate

- (2) Motomachi 14-1, Hakodate 040-0054 Japan
- (3) +81-138-24-8201
- (4) Sept. 2003

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- (3) +81-11-563-5563
- (4) Sept. 1980

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(2) Nikko Bldg. 5F, Kita 4-jo Nishi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-0004 Japan <u>http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/</u>

(3) +81-11-281-6565

(4) Dec. 2005

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- (2) Address
- (3) Representative
- (4) Establishment

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. YAMAUTI Monica
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- 8517 Japan
  - +81-11-232-1117
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- (4) Jul. 2019

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. KUBO Toshiyuki
- (4) Dec. 2019

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. YOKOYAMA Kiyoshi
- (4) Aug. 1973

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- (2) c/o Hokkaido Headquarters of Sapporo Breweries Limited, Frontier Kan, Sapporo Factory, Kita 1-jo Higashi 4-chome 8-1, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-8606 Japan Tel: +81-11-251-4174
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. ONODERA Tetsuya
- (4) May 1980

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Ken Luis Tobe
- (4) Jun. 1983

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. KAMORI Kimihito
- (4) Jun. 1994

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- (2) c/o Canada Palace, Poseidon Maruyama 2F, Odori Nishi 26-chome 1-3, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 064-0820 Japan
- Tel: +81-11-643-2520
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. IHARA Keiji
- (4) Nov. 1996

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. YOKOUCHI Ryuzo
- (4) Jan. 1999

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. FUJII Masahiro
- (4) Jul. 2004

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- (2) SR Bldg. 3F, Minami 1-jo Higashi 2-chome 8-2, Chuo-ku, Sapporo 060-0051 Japan Tel: +81-11-222-3572
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. FURUNO Shigeyuki
- (4) Nov. 2007

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- Tel: +81-154-44-1040
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. NAKAJIMA Taro
- (4) Nov. 2010

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- (2) Situs Bldg. 2F, Tottori-minami 5-chome 12-5, Kushiro 084-0905 Japan
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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. KURIBAYASHI Nobutsugi
- (4) Dec. 2010

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. NAGOYA Takao
- (4) Apr. 2011

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- Tel: +81-11-221-2451
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. KASAMA Seiji
- (4) Nov. 2012

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- Tel: +81-11-233-1256
- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. SEKIHACHI Yoshihiro
- (4) Feb. 2013

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- (3) Honorary Consul: Mr. TAKEBE Tsutomu
- (4) June 2014

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- (4) September 2015

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(4) Oct. 2017

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- (2) Address
- (3) Tel.

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(3) +81-3-3469-2088

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