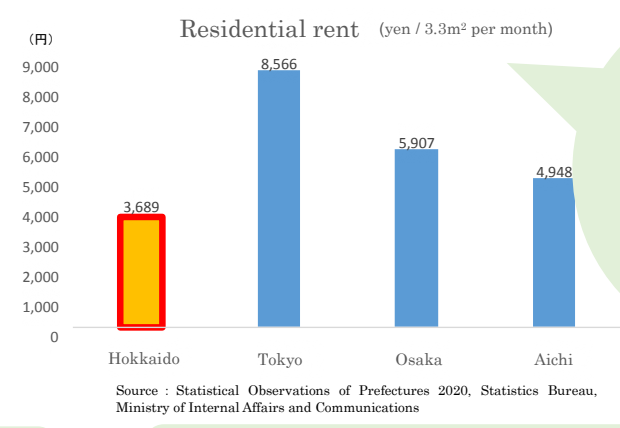
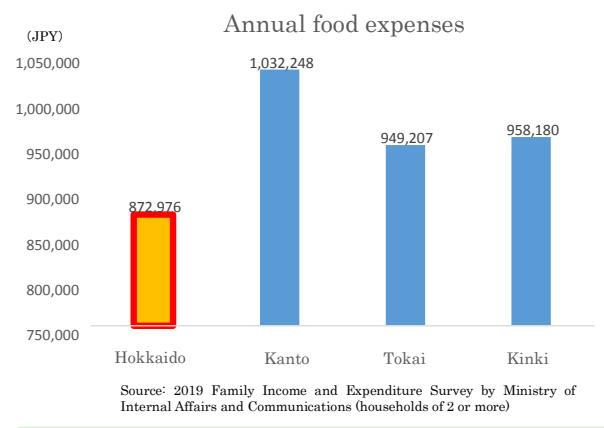
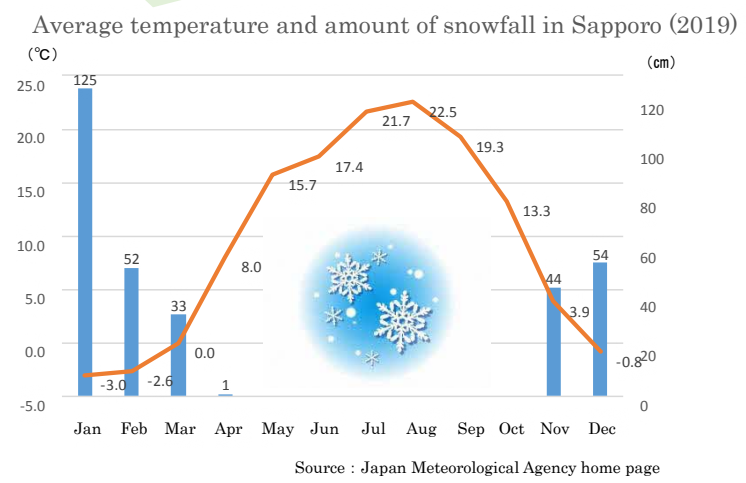


Hokkaido Lifestyle Environment

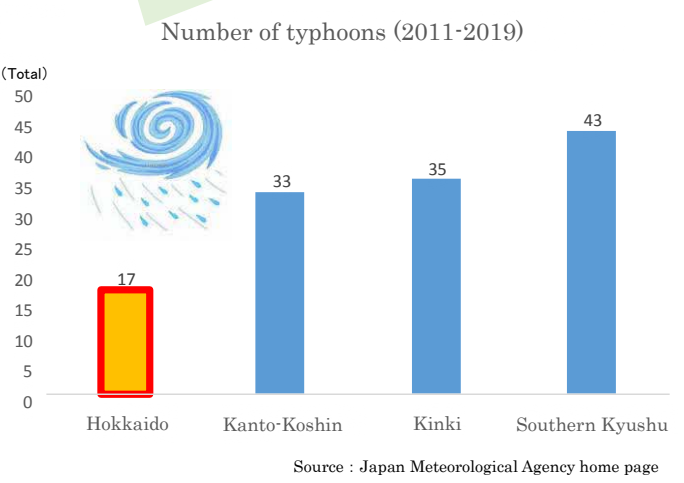



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Compared to the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, prices on items such as food are cheaper and rent is lower so you can have lower total living expenses.

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The changes in the seasons are distinct and you can enjoy scenery, landscapes, sports and activities all year round.



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Hokkaido has abundant nature but there are few typhoons when looking at number of typhoons on a national level.

For foreigners
Enjoy living in Hokkaido!

Hokkaido is a popular tourist destination. Enjoy the wonders of living in Hokkaido! We will provide you with great information about the charm of Hokkaido.



Hokkaido provides excitement all year round during any season.



Hokkaido is an Onsen paradise. Enjoy the amazing hot springs of Hokkaido anytime.

Contact the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center about problems or concerns about living in Hokkaido.

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| Services | Consultation in areas such as residence and administrative procedures, employment, housing, medical care and welfare. |
| Hours | Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00/13:00-16:00 Closed on Sat, Sun, national holidays and New Year's holidays |
| Address | Docho Annex Bldg. 12F, West 7, North 3, Chuo-ku Sapporo |
| Contact information | Phone: 011-200-9595 e-mail: support@hiecc.or.jp Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/hiecc.support |
| Languages | Over 11 languages including Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Thai, Russian, Nepalese, Burmese and more |

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○ 行政書士の対応は第2・第4木曜日の午後のみ Specialists available on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons of the month.



Have an exciting time with your family. There are plenty of outdoor adventures and experiences typical of Hokkaido to be had.



Experience the amazingly great tasting food and fresh air for yourself!

Major municipalities taking advanced and active initiatives to create a diverse society



◆Higashikawa

This is the location of Japan's first public Japanese language school. There are many people who have immigrated from overseas living here. The Japanese language school allows students to learn Japanese culture and the photography culture of Higashikawa. The town's home page is available in 7 languages.



[Higashikawa homepage]



◆Wakkanai

Wakkanai marine product businesses teach Japanese culture to their overseas trainees and they participate in local events. There are also various different international exchanges such as celebrating the Chinese and Vietnamese New Years with city officials.



[Wakkanai homepage]



◆Mombetsu

Mombetsu International Exchange Salon Administration Committee consists of individuals from the private sector. They offer Japanese culture workshops, Japanese language lessons, overseas technology trainee exchanges and social studies trips for overseas technology trainees. In addition, they accept short-term international students from 3 schools in Thailand to create international awareness among the youth.



[Mombetsu homepage]



◆Naganuma

The International Festival in Naganuma is held every year in May. Enjoy interacting with people from all over the world while participating in events such as a stamp rally, songs, games, rice cake pounding, a raffle and more.



[Naganuma homepage]



◆Kutchan

Have fun all year round with the high quality powder snow in the winter and loads of activities including rafting in the summer. Kutchan is visited by a lot of foreigners. There are plenty of local events with a lot of foreign nationals participating. In addition to restaurants and supermarkets offering multilingual services, there are also medical interpretation services at the general hospital. There is a guidebook with information necessary for living in Kutchan and a system for accepting foreign children in schools.



[Kutchan homepage]



◆Niseko

Many foreign tourists visit this international tourism resort town. A lot of foreigners also live here blending in with the community and events such as Niseko Halloween are held in the community. There is also an international school here.



[Niseko homepage]



◆Kushiro

The Kushiro International Exchange Plaza was opened to provide consultation services and information to foreign residents and foreign tourists.



[Kushiro homepage]

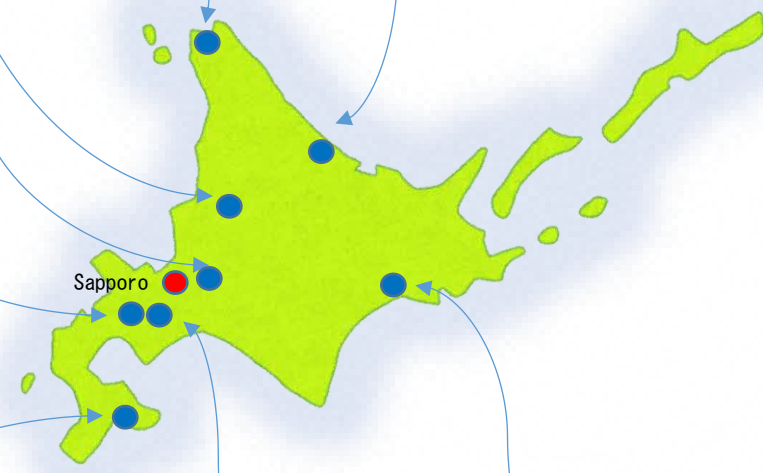


◆Hakodate

There is a comprehensive foreigner consultation center where you can receive consultation, etc. from foreigners living in Japan in person, over the phone or through a tablet in multiple languages as well as Japanese lessons. There are also events for foreigners and citizens to interact and experience Japanese culture.



[Hakodate homepage]



Foreigners who live and are active in Hokkaido



The Lunds (Niseko residents)

“Niseko provides support for a diverse society. It is a very convenient place to live.”



<The Lunds>



<Free magazines powderlife and summerlife>

<Introduction>

Kristian Lund who has experience working for a newspaper company in Australia works as the chief editor of the area magazine *powderlife* for overseas tourists visiting Niseko. He currently lives in Niseko with his wife Chika and 2 small children.

<Free magazine powderlife>

Chika: There are staff members in the Niseko area working as editing assistants, photographers, designers, translators, writers and more. We have 4-5 people working. Using photos from various different photographers allows them to make a living locally. *powderlife* has a distribution of about 20,000 copies in lodging facilities and shops in the Niseko and Hirafu areas. We are also planning to send them to Canada, Thailand and Malaysia.

<Convenience of living in Niseko>

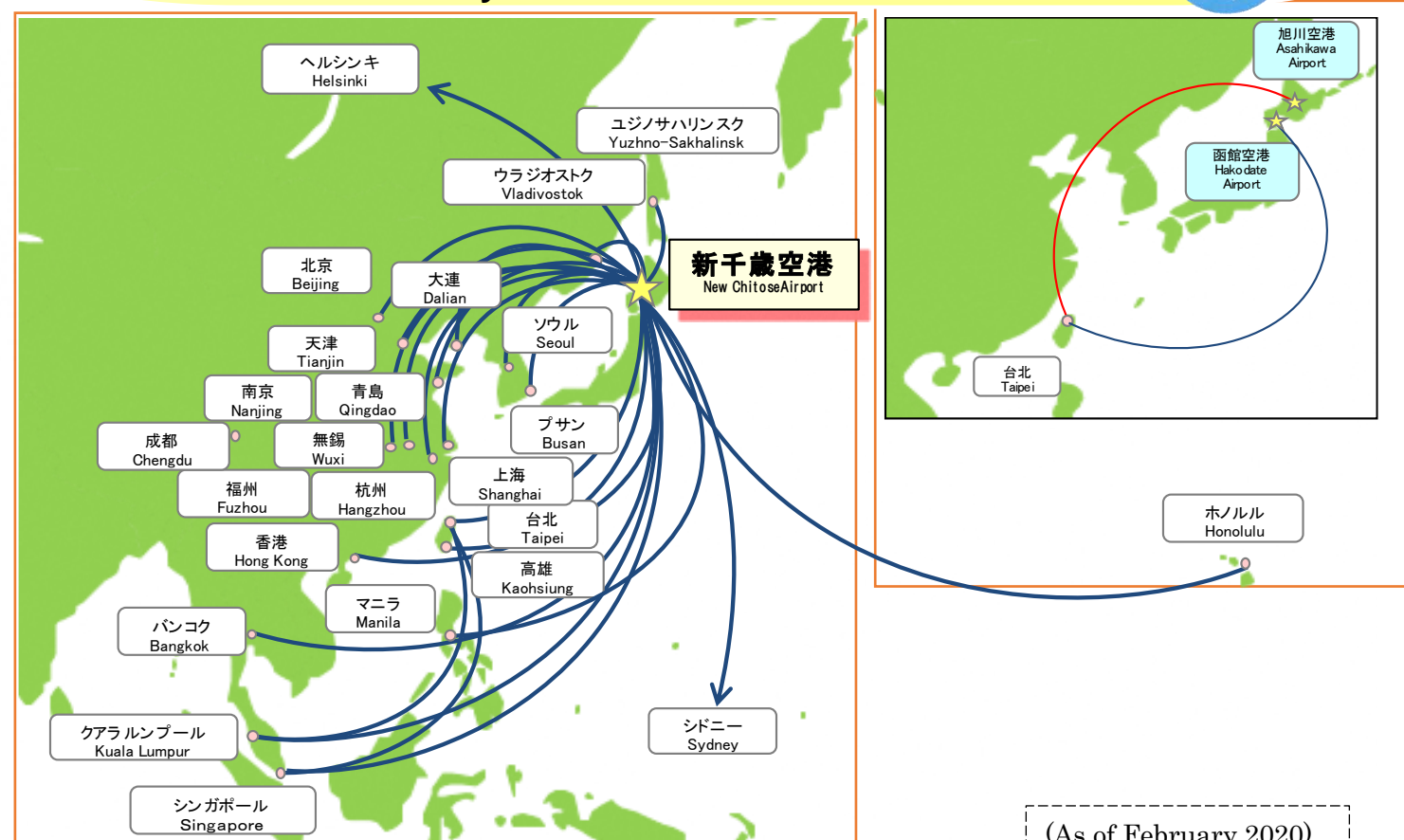
Chika: There are a lot of international couples in this area with a lot of children of mixed races. There is no bias against them and they have similar problems so they have built a relationship in which they can consult with each other. The people of Niseko are friendly and very kind. The entire town provides support for a diverse society so it is a very convenient place to live.

Kris: My favorite time is the summer. Niseko summers are very beautiful. I like to ride my bicycle with my children and enjoy the scenery. The environment is also amazing with great tasting spring water nearby. My neighbors are very friendly and they always bring me fruits and vegetables which are fresh and great-tasting.

<Source : Niseko Town home page>

Regular international flights to Hokkaido

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