

11 Violation of Human Rights on the Internet

- To propagate the notion that people should not post comments which are harmful to others
- To engage in protecting children from bullying and other harmful information online

12 Other

In addition to the initiatives from Chapter 1 to 11, we also engage in dealing with the following;

- Issues of abduction of Japanese nationals by North Korea
- Human rights issues caused by disasters (discrimination against disaster victims)

etc.

CHAPTER 3 Comprehensive and Effective Promotion of Human Rights Measures

In order to protect human rights, we carry out the following initiatives:

- To promote human rights measures in various places, such as the household, school, local communities and the workplace
- To effectively promote human rights measures by such methods as using social media, and providing information about consultation services
- To work with the central government, city/town/village governments, and private organizations to promote human rights measures
- To conduct a necessary review of the Basic Policy around every five years

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Hokkaido Basic Policy for the Promotion of Human Rights

Human rights are the rights which everyone has from birth to be able to live peacefully, regardless of gender, age, nationality, religion, country or region of birth.

However, there are many people whose human rights have been violated and are suffering from various kinds of prejudice and discrimination.

Each and every one of us must take it upon ourselves to ensure that we remain informed and considerate of human rights issues in order to protect everyone's human rights.

In order to create a society in which human rights are protected, the Hokkaido Government compiled the "Hokkaido Basic Policy for the Promotion of Human Rights Measures" in March 2003. We have since revised the contents of the policy in July 2021.

This leaflet introduces the outlines of the Basic Policy.



**STAY INFORMED &
BE CONSIDERATE**

CHAPTER 1 Basic Principle

We are all different, but we are all human. We must make our local communities become a place where everyone is able to live by helping and supporting each other. As such, the Hokkaido Government strives to protect human rights based on these basic policies.

CHAPTER 2 Promotion of Policies by Group

This chapter outlines which groups of people suffer from the violation of their human rights, then introduces our main initiatives to ensure that the human rights of those people are protected.

1 Women

- To promote the idea that it is important that men and women can equally succeed in society
- To strive to prevent violence and crimes toward women, and to provide support for victims
 - ※ support: to stand by or help someone

2 Children

- To promote the idea that it is important to protect rights of children
- To make efforts to support the healthy growth of children, such as preventing children from being bullied or becoming involved in crimes

3 Elderly People

- To engage in creating an environment in which elderly people can have a meaningful life, and can work and participate in society
- To engage in creating an environment in which elderly people who have fallen ill, along with their families, can receive appropriate assistance

4 People with Disabilities

- To strive to eliminate bullying and discrimination against those who have disabilities
- To engage in creating an environment in which people with disabilities can work with enthusiasm and live a life free from inconvenience

5 The Ainu People

- To engage in telling children about the history and culture of the Ainu, and to protect its traditions
- To engage in improving the living standards and status of the Ainu, with the intention of creating a society in which the dignity of the Ainu people is upheld

6 Foreign Nationals

- To encourage understanding of foreign cultures, and to promote the understanding that use of discriminatory language and actions against foreign nationals is unacceptable
- To engage in creating an environment that is easy for foreign nationals to live and work in

7 People Infected with HIV, Hansen's Disease/Leprosy and Other

Diseases (Both Patients and Families)

- To ensure the dissemination of accurate knowledge of the diseases, in order to eliminate bullying and discrimination directed towards patients
- To ensure that the privacy of patients and their families is protected, and that they are able to receive medical treatment and live with peace of mind

8 Victims of Crime (Both Victims and Families)

- To ensure that victims of crime are supported
- To spread information regarding how to interact with victims of crime, and to promote the understanding that all lives are important

9 People who Have Committed Crime

- To provide support for the livelihood of people who committed crimes after their release from jail, such as support in job and house searching
- To introduce initiatives to prevent them from committing crimes again

10 Sexual Minority ※Biological Sex and Gender Identity

- To promote the understanding that everyone is different in terms of biological sex, gender identity and sexual preference
- To support people who are struggling with biological sex and gender identity issues