

## Mayoral Message 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Firstly, I would like to show my deep appreciation to all of the citizens of Hakusan City for complying with the COVID-19 Virus infection counter measures. As of the 27<sup>th</sup> April, there have been 23 confirmed cases of the virus in our city. Of which, the majority are cases where the route of infection cannot be determined, confirming that the current situation remains severe.

The consecutive national holidays also known as “Golden Week” are almost upon us. I would like to once more emphasize restraining from unnecessarily leaving your homes during this period.

In order to achieve the objective of an 80% decrease in person to person contact set by the government, I ask that every single citizen makes a conscious effort to avoid any unnecessary contact where possible.

In order for us to overcome this situation, it is essential that each and every individual keeps a high level of awareness and focus regarding the virus counter measures. It is this constant effort that will become the shortcut leading to a return of our normal everyday lives. I realize this may cause inconvenience, however, please understand that is a necessary precaution to protect lives.

Regarding financial aid, in addition to the 100,000yen to be paid to each individual, we will also be distributing an extra 10,000yen per child to each household with children. Also, with cooperation from the city council members agreeing to have their salaries reduced, we plan to give an additional 40,000yen to parent households. We will also be carrying out support for infection counter measures at elementary and junior high schools as well as supporting small to medium companies.

I am devoted to protect the lives and lifestyles of the citizens of Hakusan City, and will show no hesitation in my action to achieve this. I kindly ask for your understanding and continued cooperation.