

Historical Village of Hokkaido

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. The foreground is dominated by a large, dense green forested area. In the middle ground, there is a cluster of buildings, including a large parking lot and several multi-story structures. The background shows a vast urban area with a grid of streets and numerous buildings stretching towards the horizon under a clear blue sky.

What is Hokkaido?
What is Historical Village of Hokkaido

History of Hokkaido in Japan

It was about two million years ago that Hokkaido's geography came to resemble that of today. In the ice age of 20,000 years ago, when Hokkaido remained connected to the Asian continent, people came here from Asia in pursuit of large game, as evidenced by the traces they left.



北海道
Hokkaido

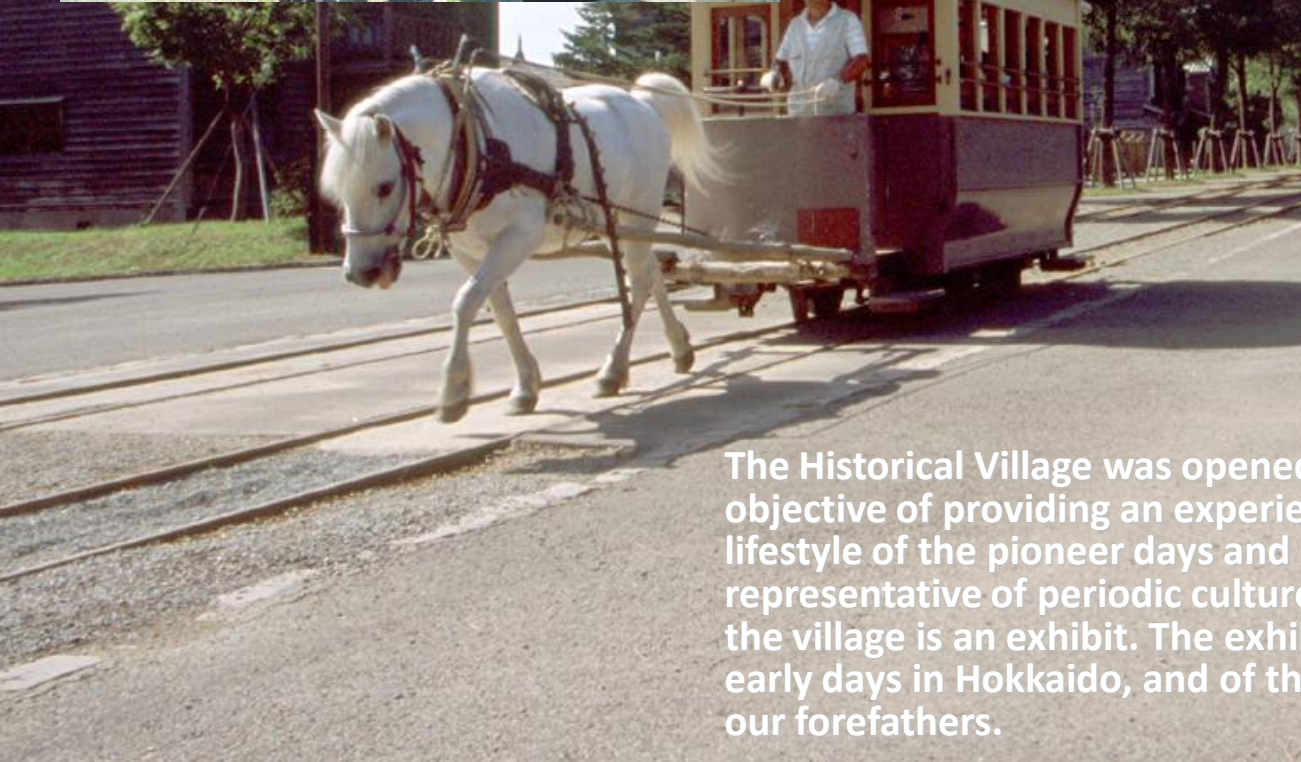
The island, the northernmost major one in Japan, has long served as a northern inlet for culture from Sakhalin and Eurasia. Cultures of southern regions also arrived in Hokkaido. Under these influences, Hokkaido developed a unique culture while serving as a place of cultural exchanges. During the Edo era (1603 - 1867), Japan's feudal period, Russian and other international missions arrived at Hokkaido ports for trade negotiations but were not allowed to enter because of Japan's isolation policy. In those days, the shogunate government was adamant about protecting Japan's culture.



After the fall of the Edo shogunate, the newly inaugurated Meiji government started to develop Hokkaido. The Hokkaido Development Commission was established in 1869, and the island's name was changed from Ezo to Hokkaido. Many people immigrated from other parts of Japan and struggled amidst the island's severe natural environment. These people built the foundation on which today's Hokkaido has developed and modernized.



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The Historical Village was opened in April 1983 with the objective of providing an experiential understanding of the lifestyle of the pioneer days and conserving the buildings representative of periodic cultures for posterity. Everything in the village is an exhibit. The exhibits provide glimpses of the early days in Hokkaido, and of the wisdom and hard work of our forefathers.

Town

31 buildings

>Office

>School

>Inn

>Store

>Warehouse

...etc



Fishing Village

- 4 buildings
- > Fisherman's house
- > Storehouse
- > Storage house
- ...etc





Farm Village

15 buildings

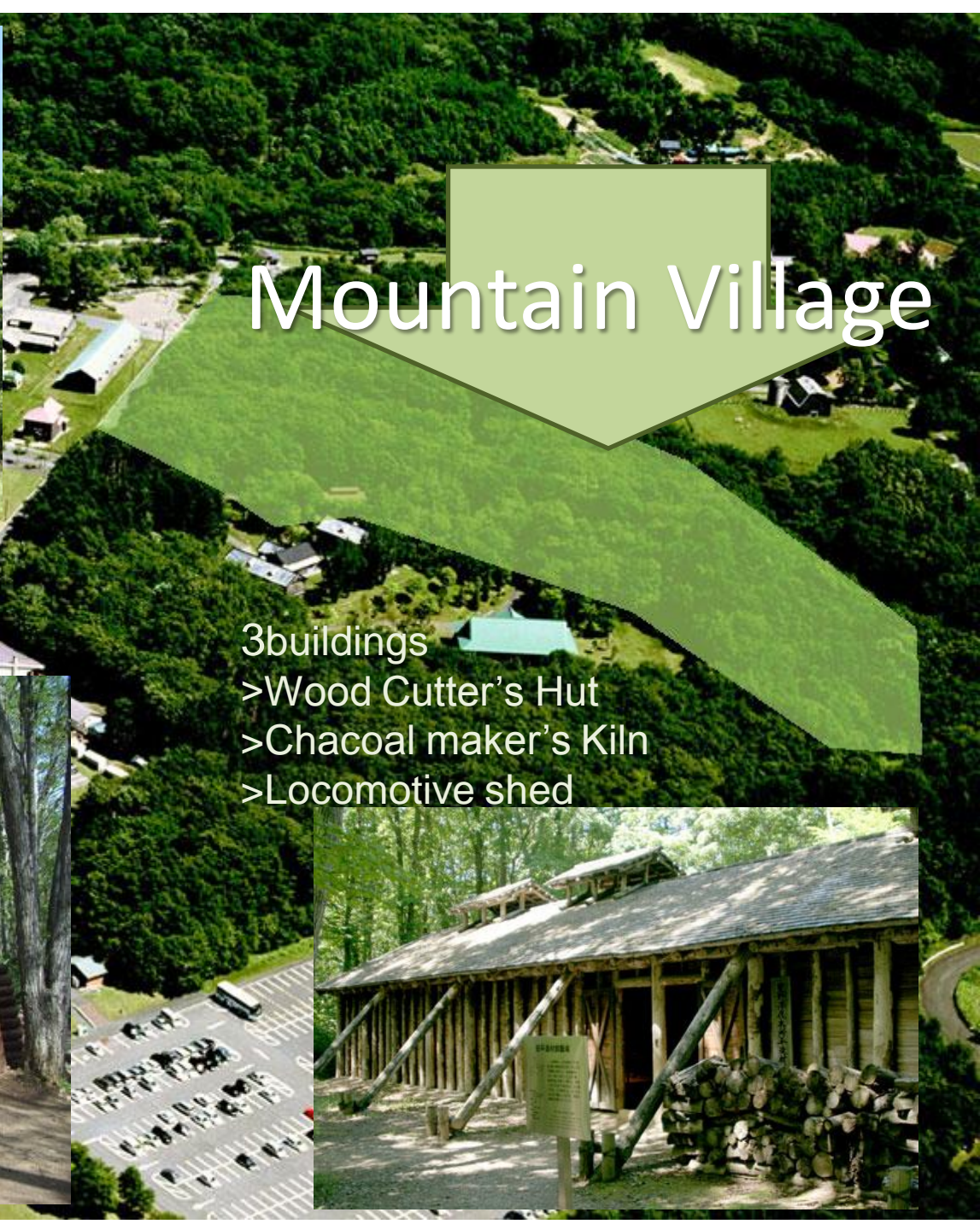
>Farmer's house

>Shrine

>Granary

>Settler's tuched hutt

...etc



Mountain Village

3 buildings

- > Wood Cutter's Hut
- > Charcoal maker's Kiln
- > Locomotive shed



Annual Function

Spring

>Girls Festival

>Kids Festival

Autumn

>Moon Viewing



>Harvest Festival



Summer

>The Star Festival



Winter

>Christmas

>Making Ricecake

>Change The Season



Please come and visit Historical Village of Hokkaido.
We look forward to seeing you in Japan.