## Sapporo: J3 Ms. Okamoto & Mr. Abe

Today we would like to tell you about a beautiful and attractive city in northern Japan. This city is only about one hour and forty-five minutes by airplane from Kobe. This city is far from central Honshu. There are many fun and exciting things to do in this city. About 1.97 million people live there, and the average winter temperature in this city is between minus three degrees Celsius and one degree Celsius. This city is Sapporo!

There are many things to see and do in Sapporo. First, you should eat Genghis Khan and soup curry. When speaking of local food in Sapporo, the first thing that comes to mind is "Genghis Khan". It has a special pot with a mountain in the center, and it is a dish that grills vegetables and lamb together. It's a soul food that Sapporo citizens love. There is another dish loved by the people of Sapporo. It is "soup curry". According to one theory, this dish was inspired by the curry with a lot of spices from Indonesia and Sri Lanka, and Chinese medicinal soup. Second, you should visit the Sapporo Clock Tower. The clock tower is a historic building built 140 years ago. This is the oldest clock tower in Japan and is designated as an important cultural property. At the beginning of construction, it was built to be an acting hall, not a clock tower. Next, you should visit two festivals. They are the Sapporo Summer Festival and the Sapporo Snow Festival. The Sapporo Summer Festival is held from July to August. Recently, it has been held online. On the other hand, the Sapporo Snow Festival is an ice and snow festival and is held in February every year. It is one of the three major snow festivals in the world and is visited by two million tourists every year.

Today we have talked about Sapporo, an attractive and fun city in northern Japan. There are many things to do there. If you like festivals, historic buildings, and snow, you can enjoy these things there. In Sapporo, you can go to the Sapporo TV Tower, Sapporo Clock Tower, and enjoy delicious food. We really recommend that you go to the Chuo-ku area because it has a unique northern atmosphere, and you can enjoy eating really good local Sapporo food. Please go to Sapporo. You will have a great time!