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Asahikawa, surrounded by the beautiful nature of the Daisetsu Mountain Range and known for the largest national park in Japan, is located in Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan. The city is the second-largest city in Hokkaido Prefecture.

Asahikawa is particularly well-known for Asahiyama Zoo, which attracts over 2.5-million visitors every year from Japan and all over the world. With its unique interactive viewing facilities, you will be surprised to find lively penguins, polar bears, orangutans and other animals in natural surroundings.

The symposium will be held in July, the best season for tourists. The G8 Summit will also take place at Toyako on the same days in 2008. The Furano area is covered with beautiful lavender flowers and the rolling hills of Biei resemble a colorful patchwork. Sounkyo Canyon and Asahidake are also ideal places for trekking and hot springs (onsen).

Asahikawa is a great food center where marine products from the three seas of Hokkaido as well as agricultural and livestock products from all over Hokkaido can be found. You can sample them on 3.6 Street (Sanroku-dohri), the largest entertainment area in Northern Hokkaido, where a special brand of local sake (rice wine) is brewed with pure water from an underground spring at Mt. Daisetsu.

Asahikawa warmly welcomes everyone to the Symposium!