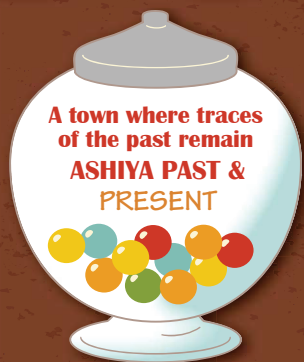


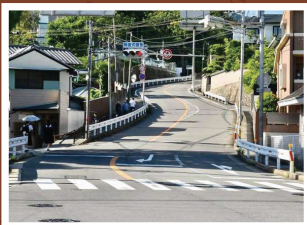


A town where traces
of the past remain
**ASHIYA PAST &
PRESENT**

When you compare photos of
Ashiya in the past and photos
in the present, you can see how
much people's lives have changed.

1 YAMATE CHO

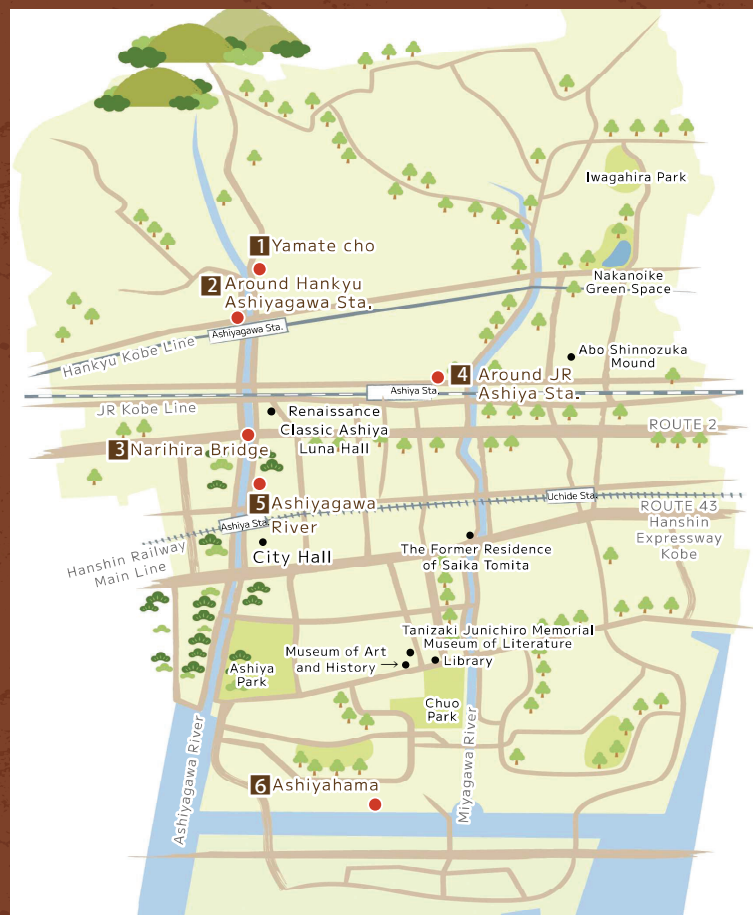
This is Okuyama Seido Prefectural Road opened in 1961 (Showa 36) which leads to Royu Toll Road. It became an access route to Yamate cho, Asahigaoka cho and Okuike residential areas. It used to be a single-lane road where pedestrians and cars passed in close proximity.



2 AROUND HANKYU ASHIYAGAWA STATION



Hankyu Ashiyagawa station opened when Hankyu Railway started in 1920 (Taisho 9). Yamate shopping street (renamed Yamate Sun Mall) developed next to the station. Previously, there was a level crossing at Ashiyagawa station where there is now an intersection.



3 NARIHIRA BRIDGE



The name Narihira originates describes the connection Ashiya. The reinforced concrete 14) and each of the bridge's 4 at the time. The photo shows a Train stopping at Ashiyagawa



from The Tales of Ise, which between Ariwara no Narihira and bridge was built in 1925 (Taisho posts were fitted with lights, rare Hanshin National Highway Electric station.

6 ASHIYAHAMA



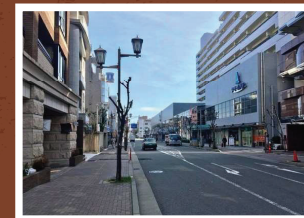
Ashiya beach area was severely damaged by Typhoon Jane in 1950 (Showa 25). A high concrete wall built in 1952 (Showa 27) protected the neighborhood from high waves. In the bottom right of the photo is a beach hut. Land reclamation began in 1969 (Showa 44) resulting in a promenade.

5 ASHIYAGAWA RIVER



Previously a pine grove, north of Hanshin Ashiya station on the river's east bank are located the Legal Affairs Bureau, Police Station and Public Health Center. The stone seawall remains unchanged.

4 AROUND JR ASHIYA STATION



JR (formerly Japanese Railways) Ashiya Station has existed at its present location since 1922 (Taisho 11). Shops opened on the west and then east side of the station - becoming East Station and West Station Shopping Streets. Shortly after the war in 1950 (Showa 25), Ohara market opened north of the station. In 1963 (Showa 38) supermarkets and other stores began to open.