

Who can't afford to give gifts and feel sad before payday

This may not be obvious to people from Hokkaido, but in Hokkaido weddings, attendance is in the form of paying a membership fee, but if you're from outside the prefecture, you'll attend by sending a postcard saying you won't be attending (which is the same thing), and on the day of the wedding, you'll need to bring a gift, not a membership fee, but a gift amount based on research into the local market...even if it's just a friend or coworker... Since you sent the reply to the postcard quite some time ago, it's not surprising that you might end up feeling as "bummed" as described above.