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Cheering on dreams! The Power of Sports



If you have any questions about ward office procedures, financial support for raising children, etc.



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☎ 078-742-872 | (11 languages)

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Kobe is the home base of many top-tier sports teams.



• **Vissel Kobe:** Soccer club in the J1 League. They won the coveted J1 league championship title for the first time in 2023.

• **Kobe Storks:** Basketball club in the B2 League. They moved their HQ to Kobe in 2023.

• **Kobelco Kobe Steelers:** Rugby team competing in the Japan Rugby League One.

• **INAC Kobe Leonessa:** Women’s pro soccer club in the WE League. They secured their first championship title in 2021, and many of their members play at the international level.

• **Elecom Kobe Finies:** American football team in the X League. By bringing together companies, universities and the local community in Kobe, they aim to become the best in Japan.

• **Kobe Fast Gyro:** Community-based women’s rugby club team. With Kobe as their “mother port”, they try to promote women’s rugby.

• **ARCO Kobe:** Women’s futsal club in the F League. They were the first team to win the championship title, and held it for three games through the 2019-2020 season.

• **KOBE DPRO.EXE:** Kobe’s only 3x3 pro basketball team. Their home court is KOSOREN in Hyogo Ward.



What everyone can do to prepare for a disaster

January 17, 2024 will mark 29 years since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. Let’s spend that day in remembrance and preparation.

First, make preparations that will protect lives

Secure furniture to prevent toppling, and take measures to prevent heavy objects from falling. Also, prevent fires that can be caused by earthquakes by installing a seismic circuit breaker. It is also important to research your evacuation shelter and route.

[Details \(JP\)→](#)



Stock up on supplies at home

Have a stock of at least 3 days’ worth—a weeks’ worth if possible—of food, drinking water, and daily necessities. You can easily do this with the “rolling stock method” of buying slightly more than usual, consuming items with the oldest best-by dates, and replacing what you consume.

[Details \(JP\)→](#)



Prepare for evacuating with your pets

When a disaster occurs, only a pet owner can protect their pets. Read the recommended guidelines, know what actions to take, and know your evacuation shelter so that you won’t be caught off guard or cause trouble for others. Evacuation shelters expect pet owners to bring their own cage in which to keep their pets, so regularly practice acclimatizing your pets to reduce their stress.

[Disaster prevention with pets \(JP\)→](#)



It starts January 19th in 3 venues! Kobe Luminarie

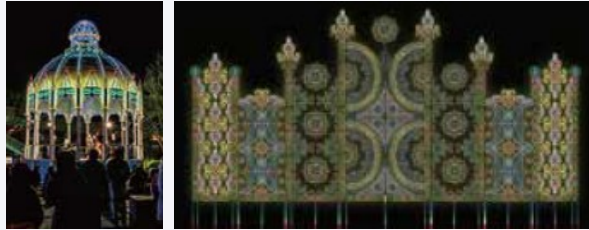
This special event was held to pass on the lessons of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake to future generations, and symbolize the dreams and hopes of the people of Kobe. For the 29th Kobe Luminarie, it will be held in January instead of its usual December period and expanded to three different venues.

Dates: January 19 - 28
Sunset to 9:30 pm

[Details \(JP\)→](#)



Locations: Kobe East Park (Higashi Yuenchi)



Former Foreign Settlement (Kyukyoryuchi)



Meriken Park



Admission: Free

* **Part of the Meriken Park venue requires paid admission** (Advance tickets 500 yen, at-the-door tickets 1,000 yen). At-the-door tickets may not be available if many advance tickets were sold.

Help us make city procedures easier with your input

Kobe City has many different regulations and procedures, but do you feel changes need to be made because certain regulations are too strict, approval takes too long, there are too many application documents, etc.? We are accepting proposals on such issues, which will be sorted and taken under review for future changes.

Eligible topics: Kobe City regulations and procedures



Submission Period: Until March 31, 2024

Where/how to submit: Kobe City website [\(JP\)↑](#)

Proposal examples

- “There are so many regulations that it makes it difficult to open a shop in an agricultural area.”
- “I want to be able to file ____ procedure online.”

Gastropolis Kobe: Kobe Pork

An original brand from Takao Pasture in Nishi Ward, Kobe Pork’s deliciousness comes from a dedication to good feed and water. The feed includes a hefty blend of pig favorites—corn and bread—and the drinking water is high-quality mineral water pumped from 120 meters below the Rokko mountain range.

Try this healthy and tender pork, which is rich and full of *umami*.



Find out
where to
buy and eat
it here!
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Try using “Kokonara Chat KOBE”

Are you uncertain where to ask questions and get advice about childrearing? Do the consultation hours not match up with your schedule? To help households who face these kinds of difficulties, we have started the “Kokonara Chat KOBE” LINE account for families to freely talk about anything.

Eligibility: Childrearing households residing in Kobe (including expectant mothers)

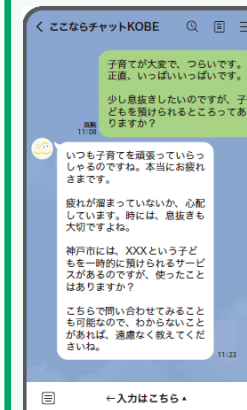
Response Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm (excluding national holidays)

*You can still send messages at any time

Cost: Free

2 Things You Can Do on Kokonara Chat KOBE

- ① Receive periodic updates on useful local childrearing information and services you can use.
- ② Share your concerns about childrearing with certified specialists in social welfare, mental health welfare, etc.



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