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



Call the Kobe International Community Center (KICC)

☎ 078-742-8721 (11 languages)



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## KOBE 2024

The Para Athletics World Championships begins!

The Kobe 2024 Para Athletics World Championships (World Para Athletics), in which around 1,300 athletes from about 100 countries and regions will participate, will be held in Kobe for the first time in East Asia!

### Tickets Now On Sale!

The world's most heated battles between the best of the best will unfold before your very eyes— you may even witness a world record in the making. Let's watch the games at Universiade Memorial Stadium!



Photo: Moto Yoshimura

### General Admission:

**S seat:** Adult: 1,800円

Children (elementary school to senior high school), persons with impairments: 800円

**A seat:** Adult: 800円

Children (elementary school to senior high school), persons with impairments: 400円



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### Exclusive Lunches (*Obento*) in Collaboration with City Universities!

Students and international students from universities in Kobe City have created boxed lunches inspired by different countries' cultures using local Kobe/Hyogo ingredients.

Please enjoy the games while eating a delicious *bento*!



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Limited quantity available!!

## Kobe Marathon 2024

### Now Accepting Runner Applications for the Kobe Marathon!

For the first time, this year's marathon will feature a relay race in which two runners will complete the marathon as a pair. Enter now and race across the city while taking in the gorgeous scenery!



**Date:** Sunday, November 17 2024

**Eligible Persons:** People born after April 1, 2006

**Category:** Full marathon/relay race

**Entry Fee: Marathon:** 16,200円

**Relay Race:** 27,400円 (per group)

**Application:** via homepage

Deadline: Monday, May 27, 17:00

Runners will be decided based on lottery

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### Let's Go Together: Ward Festivals!

#### Nada Ward: Rokko Family Festival

**Date:** Saturday, June 1  
11:00~17:00

**Location:** In front of Oji Stadium grounds

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#### Kita Ward: Kita-Kita Festival

**Date:** Saturday, June 1  
12:00~17:00

**Location:** Arima Hall (Hokushin Kita Ward Cultural Center), and nearby area

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## New Water Rates Effective from October

In order to continue to securely provide water, a large amount of money must be expended in order to upgrade current facilities. Due to the cost shortfall, water rates will be increased by 14% starting from this October, which will be reflected in December's meter reading and payment.

### Rate Change Calculator

A rate conversion calculator is now available which allows you to input the amount of water used and find out the amount to be paid under the new rate.

Examples:

1. Water Used: 14m<sup>3</sup> (Single household, 2 months' usage)  
1,936円(Present rate) + 220円 = 2,156円 (New rate)
2. Water Used: 28m<sup>3</sup> (2-person household, 2 mo. usage)  
3,212円 (Present rate) + 462円 = 3,674円 (New rate)

\*The amount of water used is for illustrative purposes only, and rates will vary depending on the actual amount of water used.

[Access Calculator Here](#)



## Kodomotto Children's Plaza: Center for Consultation, Recreation, and Exchange

Kodomotto Children's Plaza is a facility for children and their parents/guardians. First-time visiting families raising an infant (age 0) can receive a "Baby Steps" (*Hajimete Odekake*) care package.

### Baby Steps Care Package:

**Eligible Persons:** Households with an infant (child age 0) from April 1, 2024 onwards

**Receiving Period:** Until the day before the child becomes one (1) years old

※Children born in April or May 2023 are still eligible until Friday, May 31 2024

**Fee:** Free

**Application:** N/A

**Please bring the following:**

1. Maternal and child health handbook (母子健康手帳)
2. Proof of Kobe City residence for child (MyNumber Card, Child Medical Expense Beneficiary Card, Residence Record, etc.)



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## Rules for Bicycles and Motor Vehicles

The number of bicycle and motorized vehicles removed from the streets around train stations and other locations continues to increase. **A confiscation and custody fee must be paid to return the impounded vehicles.** Please ensure that you observe the rules for **parking your bicycle or motorized vehicle**, even if you park for just a brief while.

### Rules for Bicycles and Motor Vehicles:

1. Use designated parking spaces
2. Do not park or stand your bicycle/motor vehicle on the sidewalk, even for a short amount of time
3. When parking on private property, ensure that your bicycle/vehicle does not come out onto the sidewalk



### Confiscation and Custody Fee:

Bicycles: 2,500円

Motor vehicles: 5,000円

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## May Information Hub:

### Expansion of Eligibility for At-Home Postpartum Assistance

The service has been expanded to a maximum of 20 times within the first 2 years after giving birth.

To inquire further, please contact the Health and Welfare Section of each local ward office and branch office.

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### Issuance of Income and Tax or Tax Exemption Certificates

Issuance of income and tax (or tax exemption) certificates for 2024 FY will begin on Friday, May 24. We recommend that you apply at a convenience store or online.

[Further Details \(JPN\): →](#)



## Seasonal Events to Put a Spring in your Step!

### Nizo Yamamoto Memorial Art & Animation Exhibit

Nizo Yamamoto worked as an art director for many well-known animated films such as "Laputa: Castle in the Sky" and "Princess Mononoke." About 250 of his hand-drawn backgrounds, image boards, and art settings will be on display. There will also be a special exhibit of his work here in Kobe, the setting for the film "Grave of the Fireflies."



"Laputa: Castle in the Sky"  
Copyright, Studio Ghibli (1986)

**Date & Time:** 10:00~18:00,  
until Sunday, June 16

**Admission:** See details  
**Tel:** 858-0050

**Venue:** Kobe Fashion Museum

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### Rose-Viewing in Suma

Held every spring, when 4,000 roses of 300 different varieties are in bloom. The Rose History and Culture Garden, renovated this year, is also a highlight. Workshops on how to grow roses, guided explanations, and sales of seedlings will also be offered.



**Date & Time:** Until Sunday, June 2

9:00~17:00 (until 18:00 on weekends), open all month

**Admission:** Park fee, additional event charge may apply (see details)

**Venue:** Suma Rikyu Park

**Tel:** 732-6688

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