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Kobe City: The Top Choice for Raising Kids



【特集】もっと話そう【子育てしやすいまち】のこと

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親も子もみんなが
笑顔になれる理由とは？

赤ちゃんから学生まで、子育てはロングラン。
家族の形もさまざまで、
求められるサポートもいろいろ。
そんな子育てファミリーをまるっと支える
"実はすごい"支援制度や施設をお届けします！

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

**Call the Kobe International
Community Center (KICC)!**

☎ 078-742-872 | (11 languages)



↑ Scan here
to visit the
website!



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What Makes Parents and Kids Smile Together in Kobe?



Childcare Support Site:

Kodomotto Kobe
(こどもっとK O B E)



Kobe City was ranked #1 nationwide in 2024
as the best city in Japan for childrearing!

Learn more about various programs and facilities
that support parenting below:



High-Quality Education and Childcare

Kobe is leading the way in
early childhood care. With no
waitlisted children, the city
is now focused on raising the
bar for quality in preschools, kindergartens, and
certified child centers—giving every child the
best start in life.

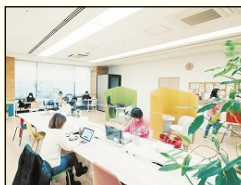
Exceptional After-School Programs



All elementary school
children can access after-
school programs, ensuring
support for families who
need it.

Family-Friendly Workspaces

City-run co-working spaces are available for
remote workers and those on parental leave.
These facilities include free temporary childcare
and kids' play areas—and are open to all parents.



Parenting is Tough— But You're Not Alone!

Postpartum Care Facilities (35 locations)



For one year after childbirth,
midwives are available for
parenting consultations. Nutritious
meals are also provided.

Kodomotto Hiroba (Children's Centers)



Available for children aged
0 to 18 and their
guardians. Staff with
childcare experience are
always on-site and
available for consultations.

Kobecco Welcome Care Packages

Childcare supplies are delivered to your home
once a month, up to 10 times. Childcare
consultations are also available during care
package delivery visits.

Commuter Pass Subsidy for Senior High School Students

Available to senior high school students
living in Kobe City. Full subsidy for
commuting within the city, and half
subsidy for commuting outside the city.



Community Study Rooms (Starting July 2025)

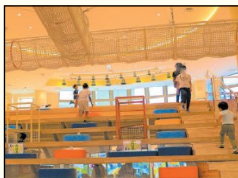
Free study spaces for junior and senior high
school students are available at 39 locations
across the city. Advance registration is required.



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Summer Fun at Kobecco Land!

Visit Kobecco Land and enjoy a wide variety of indoor play equipment, including climbing nets and bouldering walls! There is also a picture book corner and a playroom for infants and toddlers, so parents can feel at ease. In summer, kids can have fun at the outdoor fountain play area. Study spaces are also available for junior and senior high school students.



Open Hours: 9:30AM ~ 5:00PM

Admission: Free

Registration: Not required



Turn Your Ideas into Reality! KIITO:300 Camp



A hands-on learning space where kids can spark their creativity through around 60 types of board games and crafts.

Located on the 3rd floor of KIITO, with the Sannomiya Library just one floor below—perfect for a summer outing!

Open on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays only.

Eligibility: Junior high school students and younger (must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Time: 10:00~11:40AM / 1:10~2:50PM / 3:20~5:00PM



Location: KIITO Design and Creative Center Kobe, 3F

Admission: Free

Registration: First-come, first-served on day of.



Looking Ahead to Kobe in 2035: We want to hear from you!

Kobe City is working with residents to create a “Basic Plan,” which illustrates our vision for the city in 2035.

Community Meeting: Let's Build Kobe Together!

Organize a workshop in your community where residents can share ideas and exchange opinions. Send an application to Kobe City: 1 to 3 months before preferred date of meeting Admission: Free (venue fees may apply)



“Creating Kobe 2035 with You” Survey

Quick and easy to access using your smartphone.

Open until: Tuesday, September 30

Your voice can help shape the future of Kobe. We'd love to hear from you!



80 Years Since the War— Passing on the Value of Life and Peace



August 15 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. In Kobe, over 7,500 lives were lost due to repeated air raids.

To ensure such tragedy is never repeated, let us share the importance of life and peace with future generations.

Kobe Disaster and War Archives

This online archive collects and shares photos, documents, and personal accounts from individuals in Kobe during times of disaster or war on its website.



Go for a Trek in Kobe's Mountains!

Nunobiki Trail: Enjoy scenic views right outside of Shin-Kobe Station!

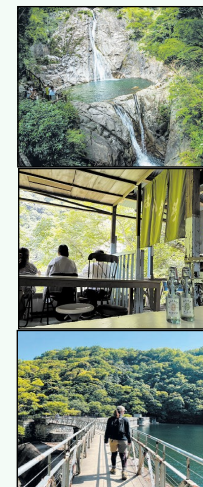
This refreshing trail takes you through shaded mountain paths and past four beautiful waterfalls. On hot days, be sure to stay hydrated and take breaks.



Route:

- Shin-Kobe Station
↓ 5 min walk
- Mentaki Falls
↓ 5 min walk
- Tsutsumigadaki Falls
↓ 5 min walk
- Ontaki & Meotodaki Falls
↓ 5 min walk
- Ontaki Chaya (Tea House)
↓ 20 min walk
- Nunobiki Reservoir

Selected as one of Japan's top 100 Reservoirs.



Local Recommended Spots!

Hyogo Canal

One of the largest canals in Japan, built during the Meiji era.

Environmental cleanup activities using clams are held here, and the annual Hyogo Canal Festival takes place here every autumn.



Hyogo-no-tsu Museum

A fun and interactive place to learn about history! Highlights include a historical drama theater and a realistic model of a Kitamaebune cargo ship.