

Kobe City PR Digest English September 2025

Let's Talk More About SDGs

【特集】もっと話そう [SDGs]のこと



地球が抱えるさまざまな問題に対して
世界全体で解決を目指す17の目標「SDGs」。
持続可能な都市の実現に向け
神戸で活躍する4団体からヒントをもらって
あなたも一歩、踏み出してみませんか。

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



↑ Scan here
to visit the
website!

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

☎ 078-742-8721 (11 languages)



Passions and Strengths Help Create a Sustainable Future

Kobe is home to many unique organizations working toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including efforts in food waste reduction, environmental conservation, employment support for people with disabilities, education, and partnerships. Here are four organizations that received the “Kobe SDGs Award”, and their activities:

Köln Bakery: “Tsunagu Bread”



Reduces food waste by packaging and selling unsold bread from the previous day. Köln also distributes “Ethical Coins” to both customers and welfare facilities, contributing to social support.



Peace&Nature: Training Green Leaders



This program brings together multinational youth to experience SDGs firsthand while tackling local issues such as aging populations and neglected bamboo forests. It fosters entrepreneurial spirit through hands-on engagement.



Mikage Club: Making and Selling Paper



Leveraging the strengths of individuals with disabilities, the Mikage Club creates handmade paper from recycled sake cartons, connecting the sake culture of Mikage with local welfare initiatives.



Tamaichi Aquarium: Conservation Efforts Along the Akashi River



Students from Tamatsu Daiichi Elementary School and local supporters conduct weekly surveys of aquatic life in the Akashi River and remove invasive species. During summer

break, students and supporters study over 90 species and compile their findings into a field guide.



**Think SDGs sound complicated?
Don't worry—here are three easy ways to
get involved!**

1. Environmental Learning Program: Kobe Eco Challenge Seminar

A hands-on environmental learning course where elementary school students and their parents or guardians can learn together in a fun and engaging way.



Upcoming Fall Event (Advance registration & lottery)

Take a closer look at the beautiful sandy beach—you might be surprised by what you find!



Date: Sunday, October 26

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM
1:00PM-3:00PM

Location: Suma Seaside Park

Register by: October 16

2. Kobe Recycled Phosphorus Project



This initiative efficiently recovers phosphorus from wastewater and uses it to create fertilizer called “Kobe Harvest.” Vegetables grown with this fertilizer are sold in supermarkets

and produce shops as

“BE KOBE Agricultural Products.”



3. “My True Self” Project



Kobe supports everyone in living authentically. Through open meetings, people can explore various life choices—like work styles, marriage, and childbirth—in a supportive and

inclusive environment.



FY2024 Financial Report



In fiscal year 2024, Kobe City actively promoted SDGs-based initiatives, while working to build a warm and welcoming community where every citizen can live happily.

Revenue: ¥945.6 billion

City tax revenue increased by approximately ¥3.3billion due to strong corporate performance, particularly in corporate municipal and fixed asset taxes. Additionally, administrative and financial reforms led to a surplus of about ¥1.4 billion.

Expenditures: ¥930.7 billion

Kobe City responded to the declining birthrate and aging population by expanding transportation support for students and seniors. The city also invested in disaster countermeasures, school upgrades, internationalization of Kobe Airport, and urban redevelopment in Sannomiya to improve residents' daily life and enhance the city's appeal.

Major Initiatives in FY2024:

1. Protecting Citizens' Lives and Safety — ¥50.5 billion



- Implemented protections against storm surges, tsunamis, and flooding
- Addressed increasingly frequent high temperatures
- Noto Peninsula earthquake aid and relief

2. People-Focused City Development — ¥51.3 billion



- Senior High School Commuter Pass Subsidy
- Kobeco Welcome Care Package
- Universal Junior High School Lunch

3. Building a Sustainable Kobe — ¥31.3 billion



- Station Area Renovations
- Vacant Property Solutions
- Satoyama Forest Conservation & Utility

もっと知ろう KOBE

Enjoy Music and Gourmet Delights at the Hyogo Canal on October 5!

Market Festival

Explore the Central Wholesale Market and enjoy fresh food sales, live auctions, gourmet bites, stage shows, and a kids' corner!

Date & Time: Sunday, Oct. 5 | 10:00AM~2:00PM

Location: Central Wholesale Market Main Venue



Hyogo Canal Festival

Enjoy a full day of music, performances, gourmet food, and art experiences.

Date & Time: Sunday, Oct. 5 | 11:00AM~5:00PM

Location: Shinkawa Canal Promenade & AEON Mall Kobe Minami



Housing Subsidy for Young Professionals Under 30 in Kobe!

Live and work in Kobe? Get up to ¥14,000 a month in housing subsidies on top of your company's housing support.

Eligibility: Full-time employees under 30 years old, within 3 years of starting employment. Must live in Kobe and work for a company located in Kobe

Subsidy Period: January—December

Who Can Apply:

Small and medium-sized businesses or sole proprietors headquartered in Kobe



Head Out to Kobe's Mountains!

Hiking Course on Mt. Rokko: Taishi-Michi Trail



A historic path once walked by Japanese Buddhist monk Kukai (Kobo Daishi), leading to Tairyuji Temple. Now paved and easy to walk, with cafés and restaurants along the way!

○ Motomachi Station

↓ 25 minutes by foot

○ Suwayama Park

↓ 15 minutes by foot

○ Suwa Shrine

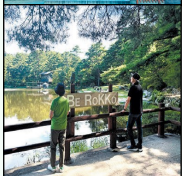
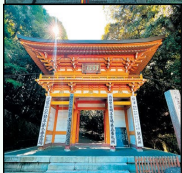
↓ 1 hour 25 minutes by foot

○ Tairyuji Temple

↓ 15 minutes by foot

○ Futatabi Park, Shiogahara pond

A peaceful spot with benches and tables—great for enjoying lunch and taking a breather. You can also relax at the café!



Reduced Parking Spots at Oji Park, Starting This Fall

With fewer parking spots in Oji Park, be sure to reserve your spot in advance and take advantage of special combo deals. To make your visit more convenient and comfortable, Oji Park is offering online parking reservations and three limited-time deals:

Campaign Period: On weekends and holidays, from September 20 to November 30

- Free 5-hour parking at Sannomiya & Hanakuma parking lots
- Combo ticket: Hankyu Railway + Oji Zoo admission
- Combo ticket: City Bus + Oji Zoo admission

