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Kobe's Local Retail Markets



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)

↑ Scan here to visit the website!



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Welcome to Kobe's Retail Markets!

Kobe's stores and markets have supported residents' daily lives for generations. Although the number of markets has decreased over time, they are still full of energy and charm. Browse through carefully selected goods and maybe even chat with the local shop owners!

What is a "Retail Market"?

Retail markets (小売市場) offer fresh goods and everyday essentials. Because many shops in a market are specialty stores, you can often find unique items that aren't available elsewhere.

Where To Find Retail Markets:

→ (View the following code with automatic translation)



Small Ways to Make the Most Out Of Your Local Shopping Experience:

- Talk to the local shop staff
- Try asking for cooking tips
- Request help with prepping ingredients



What Are "Ichiba PROUD" (いちばPROUD) Certified Products?



"Ichiba PROUD" certified products refer to 41 products that are certified by the Kobe City Retail Market Federation after evaluating taste, quality, and uniqueness.

Exciting Events at the Retail Market:

● Ichipura Market

This is a special event featuring products certified by Ichiba PROUD.

Dates: Saturday, December 13; Saturday, January 31, 2026; Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 10:30AM - 4:00PM

Location: Katsuo Kitano (Inside Selva Meitenkai, in Higashinada Ward)

● Marushin Marche at Minatogawa-Koen Station

Stop by and buy fresh ingredients and snacks at the park in front of Minatogawa-Koen station!

Dates: Tuesday, January 13, 2026; Thursday, January 15; Friday, January 16; Tuesday, January 20; Thursday, January 22; Tuesday, January 27; Thursday, January 29

Time: 4:30PM~7:00PM

Location: West gate of Minatogawa-Koen Station

Support for Those Who Want to Open a Shop in Retail Markets

If you want to open a shop in a local market, you can consult with the Kobe City Retail Market Federation.

Contact: info@ichiba-kobe.gr.jp or 078-341-9666

Kobe City also has a program that provides financial support for young people and women when opening a new store in the markets.



Kobe Meriken Christmas



A six-day event! Bring your friends, family, and loved ones and come enjoy this Christmas show together!

Drone Show:

About 500 drones will create a stunning light performance, visible from anywhere in Meriken Park.



Food & Dining Area:

Delicious, warm food awaits you at the venue, along with sake, wine, and more! Glow-in-the-dark chairs and tables in the dining area make for great photo spots.



Dates: Sat. December 20 - Thurs. December 25

Time: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Drone Show (10 minutes): 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Location: Meriken Park

Must-see Illumination Spots!

All across the city, there are many charming light-up events happening this season. Take a stroll through the winter streets filled with Christmas spirit, and enjoy a heartwarming moment.



Light-Up at Kobe Former Foreign Settlement →



New Seaport Night Light →



Garbage Disposal and Emergency Services During New Years Period

Garbage Collection Dates

Regular collection days will run until Friday, December 26, and resume from Monday, January 5, 2026.

There will be special collection days during the year-end and New Year holidays, so please be sure to check your area's schedule and throw your garbage properly.

Check your area's collection schedule here →



Oversized Garbage Collection

Accepted via website or phone.

Reception Center: 078-392-7953

Hours: 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Mon.-Fri.)

Suspended Operations: Saturday, December 27 - Sunday, January 4, 2026

Emergency Medical Services and Consultation Hotline



Emergency Consultation Hotline

TEL: #7119 (if unavailable, call 078-331-7119)

24-hour consultation with nurses to get information on medical institutions and emergency assessment.

Children's Emergency Illness Consultation (Injuries excluded)

TEL: 078-891-3499

Operating Hours:

Saturday, Dec. 27: 3:00PM-7:00AM (next day)

Sunday, Dec. 28 to Sunday, January 4, 2026:

9:00AM - 7:00AM (next day)

Where to go when your primary doctor is unavailable (for minor symptoms only) →



Peace of Mind for Your Child's Sudden Fever or Illness: Sick Children's Daycare



When your child is ill, you can temporarily leave them at a "Sick Children's Daycare" located in hospitals or clinics.

Doctors, nurses, and childcare professionals are on-site to provide assistance.

Eligibility:

Children from 6 months old to elementary school age.

In some cases, children who do not reside within Kobe City may also be accepted.

Conditions for Use:

You may leave your child at the sick children's daycare when you cannot care for your sick child at home due to work or certain events (weddings, funerals, etc.)

Fee:

2,000 yen per child per day.

Provision of lunch and snacks are charged separately.

For more details →

