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Supporting Our City's Buses

【特集】もっと話そう「市バス」のこと



みんなで守ろう 市バスのある風景

利用する人が減るなど、
いま、市バスがピンチです。
これからも「市民の足」として
暮らしを支え続けるために、
何ができるのか。
市バスの「今」を特集します。

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!



What We Can Do for the Future of Our City Buses



City-run buses are facing difficulties in continuing service due to declining ridership, financial shortages, and a lack of drivers. If everyone uses Kobe City's buses a little more, we can help keep the service running.



Special Discount Offers:

1. Eco Family Discount:

Up to two children (per accompanying adult) of elementary school age or younger can ride for free. To get this discount, tell the driver "*Eco Family desu*" when disembarking.

2. Downtown Area IC Card Discount:

If you ride a City bus using an IC card within the Sannomiya, Motomachi, Kyoryuchi, and Kitano areas, the bus fare becomes 120 yen per ride (regular fare is 230 yen).

3. Bus Transfer with IC Cards:

When you pay with an IC card and transfer to another City bus within 30 minutes, the second ride is discounted by up to 230 yen.

4. IC Card Points:

When you use an IC card to ride the City buses or Sanyo buses, you can earn points based on your monthly usage, which in turn can be used to pay your fares in the following month.

Towards a More Disaster-Resilient City

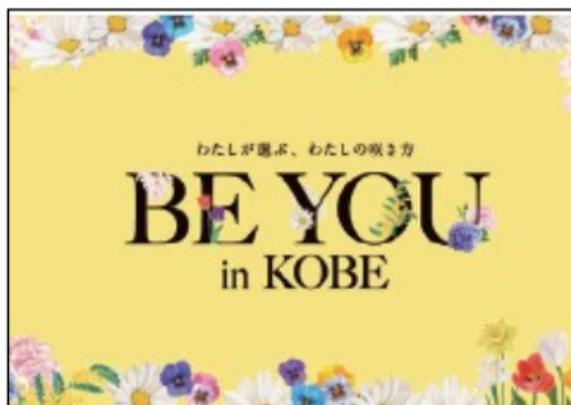
During the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, many fires broke out and caused extensive damage.

Based on this experience, the Kobe City Fire Department has strengthened its measures against fires that may occur during earthquakes. The national government established an emergency fire response team, known as the “Dragon Hyper Command Unit.” One of these units is also stationed in Kobe City.

This response unit is capable of drawing water from distant locations such as the sea, rivers, and dams, and can pump it to locations as far as one kilometer away.



BE YOU in KOBE: Choosing Diverse Ways of Living and Working



“BE YOU in KOBE” is an event focused on the theme “Your Own Way of Living,” in which participants will be encouraged to think and reflect on their lifestyle and how they approach their careers. It will be held in March to coincide with International Women’s Day.

This event will feature five talk sessions, covering topics such as women’s careers, lifestyles, and health.

Suzu Yamanouchi, a Kobe-native actress and former idol, will also take part in one of the sessions.



There will also be booths where you can try out different lifestyle-related activities!

Date: Saturday, March 7, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
(Talk sessions are 40 minutes each, starting at 11:30 AM)

Location: Harborland Space Theater

Admission: Free

Registration: Not required

Local Hidden Gem: Minatogawa Tunnel

The Minatogawa Tunnel was built in 1901 to carry river water. Today, it is preserved as a historic civil engineering heritage site.



The tunnel is made of brick and has a beautiful, retro atmosphere. It is usually closed to the public, but tours and concerts are held in the tunnel twice a month.

1st Saturday of the month: Guided tour

3rd Saturday of the month:

Guided tour + mini concert

(Admission limited to the first 150 visitors)



Plum Blossom Viewing at Suma Rikyu Park!



As one of the first signs of spring, about 150 plum trees of 25 different varieties will be blooming in Suma Rikyu Park, starting from late January! Stop by and take in the beautiful hues of pink, red and white.

The park will also be holding a traditional plum-viewing tea ceremony!

Period: Until Sunday, March 8

(Park is closed every Thursday)

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Last entry: 4:30PM)

Park admission: 400 yen

Inquiries: 078-732-6688

Tea Ceremony Details:

Date & Time: Sunday, March 1

11:00AM ~ 2:30PM

Fee: 700 yen (in addition to admission)

Same-day admission for tea ceremony; available on first-come, first served basis

