

# K O B E

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## New Extracurricular Initiative: KOBE◆KATSU



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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## KOBE◆KATSU Program Starts This September!

KOBE KATSU (*katsu* meaning “extracurricular and afterschool activities”) is a new initiative that gives Kobe City junior high school students opportunities to explore various after school and on weekends activities based on their interests, regardless of which school they attend.



### Frequently Asked Questions →



### Let's Find a Kobe Katsu Club!

- ① Map view of all Kobe Katsu clubs →
- ② Schedule of club activities at your junior high school (including time and location) →
- ③ Directory of all Kobe Katsu clubs and their registered organizations →
- ④ Kobe Katsu club activity highlights →



## Free Distribution of Foods

“Food Support Kobe” is an event with free distribution of food and daily essentials for those facing financial hardship.

Experts will also be available for consultations on living, finances, work, and legal matters.

Dates and locations for this event vary depending on the ward you live in.

**Registration:** Not required. Reception closes 30 minutes before the event ends. Distribution may end early if supplies run out.

**Fee:** Free

**Limit:** One set per person; up to three sets per household

Please note that distribution is limited to a maximum of 1000 people per venue, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**What to Bring:** Documents with proof of address, (such as driver’s license, MyNumber Card, or mail addressed to you with your address written on it)



## Household Support: Habatan Pay



Hyogo Prefecture is offering Habatan Pay Plus. It can be used at many locations, including shopping centers, supermarkets, and drugstores.

**Value:** Pay ¥5,000 and receive ¥7,500

**Purchase limit:** Up to 4 sets per person (maximum ¥20,000)

**Eligibility:** Hyogo Prefecture residents

**Application period:** March 18 (Wed) - April 12 (Sun) until 8:00 PM

**Apply:** via the Habatan Pay Plus app (lottery system)

**Use period:** April 24 (Fri) - July 31 (Fri)

Accepted stores: Registered stores within the prefecture

**Inquiries:** 050-3124-6761



## Spring Flowers in Kobe

### Peony Garden @ Suma Rikyu Park

Approximately 30 peony varieties bloom, with peak viewing starting mid-April.  
Dates: April 18-May 3  
Park admission fees apply.



### Azalea Viewing @ Sorakuen Garden

Azaleas bloom throughout the traditional Japanese garden. Tea ceremonies and other events are held.  
Dates: April 18-May 6  
Park admission fees apply.



### Forest Garden Walk @ Kobe Arboretum

Azaleas and rhododendrons are in bloom. Guided tours are available on weekends and holidays.  
Dates: April 18-May 17  
Park admission fees apply.



### Nemophila Hills @ Kobe Agri Park

Hillsides are covered in blue nemophila. Night illuminations are held on Fridays, Saturdays, and evenings before holidays.

Dates: April 18-May 17

Admission: Adults ¥1,500, Ages 4-middle school ¥800, Free for ages 3 and under.



## Higashinada Danjiri Festival



Higashinada Danjiri, a traditional event to pray for health and prosperity, will be held again this year during Golden Week! During the festival period, many danjiri floats parade through the neighborhood.

### Danjiri Parade:

Mikage Danjiri: May 3, 5:45 PM - 8:15 PM

Motoyama Danjiri: May 4, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

### Moto-Sumiyoshi Shrine Grand Festival:

May 4: From around 3:00 PM

May 5: From around 4:00 PM

