Kobe City Great Hanshin-Awaji 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony

◆ Outline ◆

Every year on the 17th January families of the deceased, citizens and the city government come together to hold the “Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake 1.17 Memorial Service” in Higashi-Yuenchi Park, Chuo Ward. The 17th January 2015 will be the 20th Anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, and in remembrance of those who lost their lives, and to pass on the bonds, spirit of cooperation, kindness and consideration born from the earthquake, this year the “Kobe City Great Hanshin-Awaji 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony” will be held within the 1.17 Memorial Service.

In the vicinity of the Earthquake Memorial Monument there will be a book of condolence and space to lay flowers, and a flower laying ceremony will take place in the early morning.

This year, at the flower laying ceremony adults who have just turned 20 years old will also give words of condolence, in addition to bereaved families and the Mayor.

◆ Date and time ◆

5am-9pm, Saturday 17th January 2015

◆ Venue ◆

Near the Earthquake Memorial Monument (Within Higashi-Yuenchi Park, Chuo-ku)

◆ Contents ◆

○ Condolences and laying flowers by bereaved families, representatives of adults just turned 20 years old and the Mayor (from around 5:55am)

○ A book of condolence and area for laying flowers will be provided (flowers to be lain will be handed out) (5am-9pm)

In addition, books of condolence will be placed in Ward Offices, Branch Offices, Sub-Branch Offices and Contact Offices within the city (9am-5pm).