

# K O B E

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## Kodomotto KOBE

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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)!

☎ 078-742-872 | (11 languages)



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## Kodomotto Kobe

There are many places and services throughout Kobe that support child-rearing! Here are some of the initiatives that are helping to create a vibrant Kobe of the future.

### Childcare Support Website: Kodomotto KOBE

With childcare-related information such as daycare centers, subsidies and financial aid, consultation windows, and more.

※Supported languages: English/Korean/Chinese (Simplified, Traditional)/Vietnamese



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### Indoor Play Areas:

• Parent-Child Play Areas: Parents and guardians can reach out to the staff here and consult with them about child-rearing!

• Kobekko Play Area: Furnished with large playground equipment and small toys!

• Kobekko Land: Where kids can try music, cooking, and other fun activities all day!



### Let's Play in Parks!

To support children's outdoor play, there are more and more parks where children can play with a ball and basketball hoops!

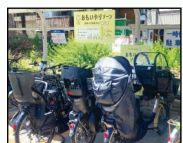
### Kodomotto Plaza: Children ages 0~18 are all welcome!

A facility where children can play freely with toys and picture books, and where parents and guardians can have childcare consultations. Babies (under 1 years old) visiting the facility for the first time will receive a lunchbox and other gifts!



### Parent-Child Read Alouds in Libraries!

With plenty of engaging books, City libraries are hosting various events for different ages, such as read-alouds or *kamishibai* (paper art storytelling)!



### Bike Parking: Supporting Families Going Out for a Stroll!

A wider bike-parking zone has been set up for bicycles with child seats. Free on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for parents and children under JHS age!

※Note: Must sign up on Nobinobi Passport Plus

## School Commuting Passes Now Subsidized!



Commuter passes will be fully subsidized for students residing in Kobe City and commuting to local senior high schools (public & private) starting this fiscal year.

**Eligible Persons:** • Students (under 18 years old) attending one of the following types of schools, and residing within Kobe City during the eligibility period. (See further details in link)

### Eligible Types of Schools:

- Senior high schools (full-time; fixed-term, night school; distance learning)
- Vocational schools / International schools
- Secondary education schools (upper secondary courses)

**Eligible Period of Subsidy:** April 1 2024~March 31 2025 (12 months)

**How to Apply (Tentative):** Parents or guardians must submit an online application.

Application period: Early January 2025~ Early April 2025

※A photo of the commuter pass used during the eligibility period must be submitted with your application.

※Train tickets, discount tickets, Shinkansen or express train tickets will not be covered.

※Please buy a commuter pass for the most economic route that incurs minimal cost.

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## Kobecco Welcome Care Package



To celebrate the birth of your new child, Kobe City is providing households with newborns with a special welcome gift, as well as monthly "care packages" of baby-care items (ex. diapers and formula) and childcare support information, for up to 10 months.

**Eligible Persons:** Households with children born on April 1 2024 onwards can receive both the welcome gift and monthly care packages.

### Care Package Content:

- **First Package:** 10,000JPY worth of baby-care goods
- **Packages #2~10:** 3,000JPY worth of baby-care goods (per package)

※Households with children born by March 31, 2024, may receive a Kobecco Welcome Gift.

## Immerse Yourself in Kobe's Nature and Art!

### ●Kobe Rokko Meets Art 2024 Beyond



Artwork by Marie Ikura

Photographs by Yukihiko Yoshikawa

Including areas where visitors can look at creative artworks while taking a relaxed stroll through the mountains, and art workshops for children.

**Date:** Saturday, August 24~Sunday, November 24

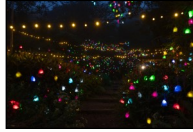
**Time:** 10:00~17:00 ※Dates and times vary based on area.

**Admission:** Fees apply. (Free in select areas.)

**Inquiries:** 078-891-0048

### ・Hikari no mori~Art Stroll at Night~

Artist Kyota Takahashi, involved in large-scale projects using light and imagery, will have an installation titled "Hikari no Mi (Fruits of Light)" at the Rokko Musical Box Museum & Gardens Mori no ne. Visitors can enjoy a fantastical atmosphere different from that of the daytime.



Kyota Takahashi, *Hikari no Mi (Fruits of Light)* in SIKI Garden, 2023

**Date:** Weekends & holidays through Sat. September 21~Sun. November 24

**Time:** 17:00~20:00

**Admission:** Fees apply.

※Will need a Night Pass or Art Passport that comes with a Night pass. Sales end at 19:00.

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### ●Enjoy Cycling on the Kanda-Yamada Bike Trail in Autumn!

Seasonal bikeshares are now open for the Kanda-Yamada Bike Trail, which stretches from Kita Ward to Nishi Ward! Stop by "TREK KOBE Tsukuhara Cabin" along the trail, which comes complete with a rest area, toilet, and shower stall.



**Period:** Saturday, September 14~Sunday, November 24

**Rental/Return Locations:** 4 locations, including Tsukuhara Cycling Terminal

**Fee:** (For cross bike) Adult: 1500 JPY ES or below: 500JPY

※Electric bikes and children's bikes also available.

**Apply:** via homepage. First-come, first-served

**Inquiries:** 078-582-8750

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## Best Season for Mountain Climbing

Without proper preparation and knowledge of mountain climbing, you could be increasing your risk of accidents. Here are some tips for safe trekking!

### Tips for Safe and Comfortable Hiking:

- Take breaks, and keep yourself hydrated
- Wear protective shoes with non-slip soles
- Prepare rainwear to account for changes in weather
- Keep an accurate check on your current location, and choose appropriate routes

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the app  
here ↓



### Map App: YAMAP

Find your current location and hiking route, even when your phone has no signal.

### Hiking Support Stations:

Along trails, you can find restrooms and stores that are easily accessible, even with large luggage.

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## COVID-19 Vaccinations For Elderly and At-Risk Residents

Routine COVID-19 vaccinations will be administered from Tuesday, October 1 2024 to Friday, January 31 2025.

⇒The following eligible persons may receive a vaccination for 3000JPY:

- Persons 65 years old and over
- Persons between 60 and 65 years old, who are immunocompromised, or have a heart/kidney/respiratory disorder.

⇒Persons who fall under any of the following categories may receive a vaccination for free:

- ① Households receiving public assistance
- ② Households exempt from residence tax
- ③ Persons who are issued a Pollution Medical Handbook by Kobe City
- ④ Beneficiaries of the Support System for Japanese Nationals Remaining in China

※You will need to show certification as proof of eligibility.

### How to Get Vaccinated:

Please bring your health insurance card, MyNumber card, or other personal identification, and fill out a COVID Vaccination Application Form at hospitals and clinics where the vaccine is available.

※Taking both the COVID and influenza vaccinations at once may be possible only if a physician deems it necessary.

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## Must-Try Events!

### Meriken Music Nights (Chuo Ward)



Drop by on your way home after school or work, and check out the weekly music performances! You can enjoy a beautiful sunset evening with music and delicious food (courtesy of food trucks).

**Date:** Every Thursday and Friday

**Time:** Approx. 1 hour in the evening (Starts at 18:30 in Sept.)

**Admission:** Free

※May be cancelled if there are other events taking place in the park.

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### Japan Beach Games® Suma (Suma Ward)



Head on over to the Beach Games and watch some heated competitions in beach soccer and other sports!

**Date:** Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6  
9:00~17:00

**Admission:** Free

(Fees apply for general entry to some games)

**Apply:** via homepage, by Sept. 24.

Confirmed applicants will be chosen by lottery.

**Inquiries:** 03-3552-1171

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