

# K O B E

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## Tsunami prevention for your safety & peace of mind



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)



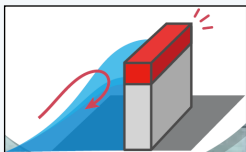
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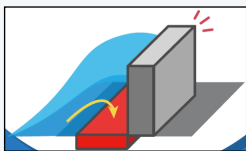
# Tsunami prevention for your safety & peace of mind

In order to protect lives and the city from tsunamis caused by earthquakes, Kobe City has been strengthening tsunami prevention measures since 2015. These measures were completed at the end of March 2023, and they are among the best in Japan.

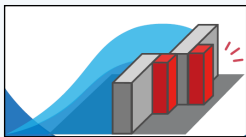
## Stronger seawalls



① Seawall heights are raised to prevent seawater from splashing over the edge.



② The seawall foundation has been fortified with concrete to prevent destruction from a tsunami.



③ The joints have been fortified to prevent seawater from pouring through the gaps.

## Disaster prevention using the latest technology



① Remote operation of storm surge gates via tablet



② Real-time cameras

The open-close status of storm surge gates and sea level height can be monitored in real-time.



③ Drones



# The newly renovated Kobe East Park is open!

Kobe East Park (“Higashi Yuenchi”) has had a new look since April 7 and is now a great space for relaxing, enjoying fun events, and reading books.



Benches of all shapes and sizes are all over the park. You can also borrow extra stools.



The smaller lawn is a venue for tons of activities, including park fitness, yoga classes, and musical performances.



The café & restaurant WEEKEND serves lunch and dinner. Takeout is also available.



3 new garden areas full of flowers and shrubbery that naturally bring warmth to the soul.



You can borrow books from the OUTDOOR LIBRARY to read while in the park. All of the books are donations.



## URBAN PICNIC

This hub houses the restaurant, outdoor library, event management, space & stool rentals, and other park operations



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# Renovation of Rokkosan Pasture!

This sightseeing facility will let you experience with all 5 senses and enjoy interacting with animals.



**Cowboy area** (late June)

**Live camera footage of the Japanese cattle barn** (July-Aug.)

**Goats crossing a bridge** (Aug.-Sep.)

**\*The above dates are tentative start dates.**

## Summer Ranch ("Natsu Makiba") event

Feed the animals and enjoy other experiences

Dates: Jul. 22 - Aug. 15, weekends & holidays only

[Tap for details! \(JP\)→](#)



## Up to ¥950,000 in subsidies for young couples & families with children to relocate!

This subsidy can be used to buy a used house, move into a rental unit, or have a new family move close to the parents.

### **Eligibility: Households that meet either of the following conditions**

- ◆ Young married couple (combined age of 80 years or less)
- ◆ Household with children

**How to apply:** e-KOBE (Kobe City smart online application system)

### **Application acceptance period:**

June 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024, or until the budget is used

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# Get regular cancer screenings

Cancer is a disease that can be cured 90% of the time if detected in its early stages. If you get a cancer screening at a hospital/clinic designated by Kobe City, you can do so for a very small copay (500 - 2,000 yen).

## Eligibility & Screening Types

**20 y.o. & up:** Cervical cancer (women, even years)

**40 y.o. & up:** Colon cancer, stomach cancer (barium test), lung cancer, breast cancer (women, even years)

**50 y.o. & up (even years):** Stomach cancer (endoscopic exam)

**Tap here for examination details & application information! (JP) →**



# Do not release invasive species into the wild



## **If you have non-native animals as pets:**

- Losing them outside, or releasing them into the wild, is prohibited
- Make sure they can't escape into the wild
- If you can no longer care for them, please consult with Kobe City

**\*It is now illegal to release these pets into the wild**

**Tap for details! (JP) →**



# Commuter pass subsidy for senior high school students



To ease the burden on families with children, Kobe City will subsidize the portion of a commuter pass for senior high school students which exceeds a certain amount.

**Application period:** January 4 - April 12, 2024

**Eligible period:** April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

**Subsidy amount:** If the student is a resident of Kobe, and their commuter pass value for the eligible period exceeds 144,000 yen, the subsidy will cover 1/2 of that excess

Inquiries: Kobe City Administrative Affairs Center, Commuter pass subsidy for senior high school students section

(☎291-5952 FAX 381-6675)

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## Kobe whitebait (“young sardines”)

The waters off Kobe are a rich fishing zone due to the plentiful minerals that flow down from Mt. Rokko. Whitebait caught in the predawn hours from 4 am are particularly transparent because they have not fed yet, allowing you to enjoy their pure flavor.

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