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A City Where the People Write Their Own Stories:
Redeveloping the City Center, Sannomiya



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A City Where the People Write Their Own Stories: Redeveloping the City Center, Sannomiya

Downtown Sannomiya is undergoing renovations and redevelopments in order to create a “city where people write their own stories,” where pedestrians are the main focus. Below are some of the redevelopments being planned.

【Concept for Redevelopment】

- A “Gateway to the Beautiful Port City, Kobe” that naturally draws visitors into the city from the moment they step out of the station
- A comfortable city where people play a leading role

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2027: New Bus Terminal

Set to accommodate approx. 1700 inter-city and long-distance buses per day, this new bus terminal is expected to be the largest in western Japan.



2029: Sannomiya Cross Square (Phase I)

Pedestrian spaces will be expanded, and foot traffic increased through better connecting the train stations to the downtown center to create a more bustling atmosphere.

※The images on the left are visualizations and are subject to change.

Shin Nagata Mirai Fes

In celebration of the completion of the Shin Nagata Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake recovery and redevelopment project, there will be a festival held in the local neighborhood! (Admission is free.)

Events on Saturday, Nov. 30

⇒Stage Performances at Gigantor (Tetsujin 28) Monument Plaza:



Featuring a live performance by Japan’s first acapella group, Chicken Garlic Steak, and food stalls with local gourmet dishes.

Time: 12:00~16:00

Venue: Gigantor Monument Plaza

⇒Shinnagata-Kunizuka Local & World Festival

Time: 11:00~16:00 **Venue:** Taishosuji Shopping Street

⇒At Shin-Nagata Government Building:

Featuring *rakugo* (traditional Japanese comedy), variety shows, parent-child workshops, photo exhibitions, panels, etc.

Time: 11:00~16:00

Venue: Shin-Nagata Government Bldg.,
1F Kobe Life Creation Center
(5 Futabacho, Nagata Ward)

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Come Visit Kobe's Newest Facilities!

Suma Fishing Park (Suma Ward)

Suma Fishing Park has reopened! Fishers and regular visitors alike can now enjoy the new facilities, which include shops and food stalls.

Address: 5-chome Ichinotani-cho, Suma Ward

Open Hours: 7:00~17:00 (November to March)

※Hours vary by season. Closed on Tuesdays.

Admission for fishing: (Rate for 4 hours)

Adult (16 y.o. and up): 1200円

Child (6~15y.o.): 700円

※Kobe residents aged 65 years and older receive a discount.



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Kobe Kitano Nosta (Chuo Ward)

The former Kitano Elementary School has been renovated to become a hub of Kobe's delicious delights! Featuring a café, bakery, sake shop, and other stores, as well as an auditorium for events on the third floor.

Address: 3 Chome-17-1 Nakayamatedori, Chuo Ward

Open Hours: 8:00~23:00

※Closing times vary by store.

Closed: During New Years holiday



(Courtesy of GLION GROUP)

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Mitsui Outlet Park Marine Pia Kobe (Tarumi Ward)

With around 150 shops, a food court, and restaurants indoors, and a newly installed barbecue ground outdoors, visitors can indulge in their meal while overlooking the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge.

Address: 12-2 Kaigan dori, Tarumi Ward

Open Hours: 10:00~20:00

※Closing times vary by store.



(Courtesy of Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.)

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Kobecco Welcome Care Package



Kobe City will now be delivering “care packages” of baby goods to households with newborns! Households may receive a care package up to ten (10) times.

First Care Package Content Includes: Baby goods, toys, picture books, vouchers for facilities and services, etc.

Subsequent Care Packages Include: Diapers, baby formula, baby food, etc.

You can choose from multiple items for each option.

Notifications will be mailed to eligible households in order starting from the end of October.

Eligibility: Households with children born on/after April 1, 2024

Apply: via website. (Please use the ID/PW in your notification to login to your personal page)

Inquiries: 0120-149-028

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More Free Facilities for SHS Students and Seniors!

Nine municipal facilities are now free for senior high school students who either attend a school in or reside in Kobe City, AND for senior residents ages 65 and older!

Facilities With Free* Admission:

Nunobiki Herb Gardens, Sorakuen Garden, Kobe Arboretum, Suma Rikyu Park, Oji Zoo, Taiko no Yu, Rokkosan Pasture, Bando Kobe Science Museum, Kobe Maritime Museum ※For the aforementioned eligible persons. Requires proof of eligibility and ID.

Suma Rikyu Park Maple Leaves Viewing & Lumiere 2024 Night Illumination

During the following period, Suma Rikyu Park will hold a light-up illumination at night, and will be open on weekends and holidays until 8PM.

Date & Time: Saturday, November 9 to Sunday, December 8

Mon. to Fri., 9:00~17:00; Weekends and Holidays, 9:00~20:00

Admission: ·Free for SHS students residing or commuting in Kobe and seniors (ages 65 and up). Must show proof of eligibility and ID.

·Ages 15 years and older: 400円

·ES/JHS students: 200円 ※(Free for Nobi Nobi Passport holders)

Inquiries: 078-732-6688



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Switching to MyNa Health Insurance Cards

The government is planning on phasing out health insurance cards and replacing them with MyNumber Cards. Current health insurance cards will be valid until December 1, 2025, but there will be NO new issuances or reissuances of current health insurance cards as of December 2, 2024.

If you have not yet applied for a MyNumber card, or have not completed the health insurance registration procedures for your card, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

Registering the Health Insurance Card Function On Your MyNumber Card:

● Required Items:

MyNumber card, and your 4-digit PIN (for digital certificates)

● Where to Register:

① MyNa Portal

(Requires a smartphone that can read a MyNumber card)

② Seven Bank ATMs (24-hour service)

③ Ward Offices, Branch Offices*:

Open Hours: Weekdays, 8:45~17:15

(Excluding holidays and New Years period)

④ Sannomiya Center, Gakuentoshi Satellite Offices*:

Open Hours: Mon. to Wed.: 12:00~19:45,
Sat. and Sun., 9:30~17:15

(Excluding holidays, and New Years period)

*Offers assistance with health insurance registration, as well as MyNumber card applications.

Inquiries:

● MyNa Health Insurance Card Inquiries:

MyNumber General Help Desk (Toll-free)

TEL: 0120-95-0178

Open Hours: Mon.~Fri. 9:30~20:00,
Weekends and holidays 9:30~17:30

● MyNumber Card Application Inquiries:

Kobe City MyNumber Card Call Center

TEL: 600-2910

Open Hours: 9:00~20:00 (except during New Years holiday)



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Must-Try Events!

Solve Mysteries at the New Seishin Chuo Station! (Nishi Ward)

Solve two cases as a rookie reporter alongside Nishi Ward's mascot, Kobe Weston! Participants who solve the cases correctly will receive a prize (ex. hotel lunch vouchers) by lottery.

Period: Until Sunday, Dec. 1

Activity Time: 2~3 hours

Admission: Free

How to Participate: Solve the mystery at the spots listed in the booklet and report your answers on the website

Booklet Distributing Locations: Seishin Chuo Station, Nishi Ward Office

Inquiries: 080-2457-7852



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Under the Blue Autumn Sky, With A Book in Hand: Open-Air Library (Hyogo Ward)

Immerse yourself in the world of books and enjoy an autumn day relaxing with some stories— maybe you can even find your new favorite book!

Date & Time: Saturday, Nov. 23
10:00~16:00

(Cancelled in case of rain)

Venue: Misaki Park lawn (next to Noevir Stadium Kobe)

Admission: Free (Some booths may require a fee)



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Special Opening of Tarumi's Kofun (Ancient Tomb)

Goshikizuka Kofun Candle Night (Tarumi Ward)

Enjoy the mysterious and fantastical atmosphere lit with candles, complete with a spectacular view of the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge!

Date & Time: Wednesday, Dec. 4~
Sunday, Dec. 8 17:00~19:00 (Last entry 18:45)

Venue: Goshikizuka Kofun

Admission: Free

RSVP: via homepage, first-come first served.



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