Attractions of Hyogo-Kobe

Located close to the geographic center of Japan, Hyogo-Kobe has developed as the center of "Kansai," the country's second largest economic bloc, since early times. Today, with the Port of Kobe and Kansai International Airport, major international trading port and airport, further growth of Hyogo-Kobe is expected todevelop into an economic zone poised to facilitate the efficient transaction of world wide business.

Hyogo-Kobe, having the advantage of being the center of a large economic bloc, allows business advancement at a very low cost as compared to the Kanto bloc, which makes Tokyo its center. As well, Hyogo-Kobe is enriched by comfortable living conditions which include a lush, green natural environment, innumerable historic sites of fascinating appeal, vital cultural centers, and a wide variety of quality leisure facilities.

" Kobe International Business Center" supports foreign company's business

Kobe International Business Center offers WAM(Warehouse, Assembly, and Manufacturing)space, R&D laboratory space, and office space all within the same building, making it possible to integrate such diverse functions as R&D, production, sales, distribution, and administration. By integrating the flow of work, business concepts can be transformed directly into action smoothly and speedily. For instance, samples or finished products can be immediately analyzed at management meetings or displayed for promotional purposes. In addition, integration means less money spent on rent, labor, freight, and management. Moreover, because KIBC is a core facility of the Kobe enterprise zone, tenants are eligible for several incentives, like a rent subsidy(1,000 to 2,500 yen/m2 with a ceiling of 36 million yen per year), and will be assisted in seeking new business opportunities through links with the JETRO Kobe FAZ Support Center and the NEW Industry Research Organization (NIRO).

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Basic Concept of KIBC

Core Facility of Kobe Port Island 2nd stage

- Exemplary exterior design shapes the cityscape of the surrounding area.
- Common space is decorated with greenery, squares and a courtyard.

Superior Quality to Meet Diverse Needs

- Open lobby facing the courtyard.
- Relaxing cafeteria integrated with the lobby.
- Equipped with shower rooms and refreshing rooms.
- High security through the use of IC cards.
- Built to have high seismic resistance.

Flexibility to Meet Diverse Specifications

- Highly functional mechanical balcony for equipment.
- Fully equipped to install a crane.
- Pillar-free space allows free-design layout.
- Piping, wiring, and ducts can be added easily by making effective use of the roof-top space.
- Raised floors designed for optical-fiber cable too.

Peaceful and Quiet Space Created to Assure Harmony Between People and the Community

- Sensor-controlled air-conditioning and lighting.
- Rainwater used for greenery and treated wastewater used for flushing toilets.
- Amenity space with abundant greenery.
- Exterior materials, fixtures, equipment, etc, highly resistant to salt damage.

The following is our introduction of "Attractions of Hyogo-Kobe".

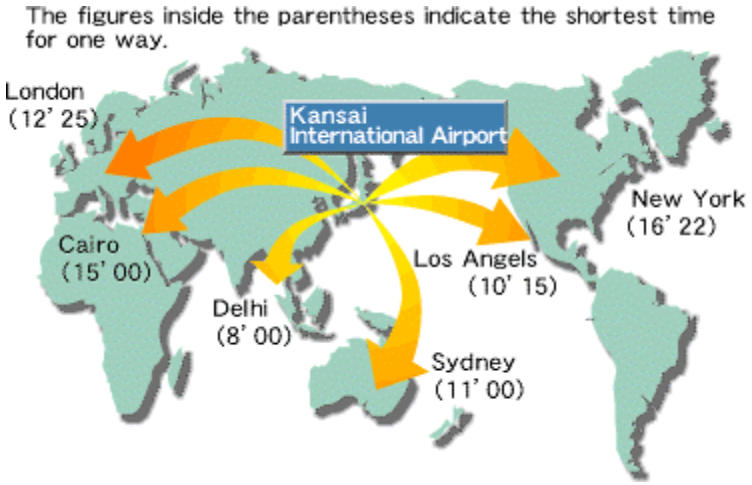
1. Location
2. Business Environment
3. Information-Communication
4. Cost
5. Living Environment
6. Human Resources
7. International Opportunities
8. Major Projects
9. Incentives

1. Location

Transportation Access

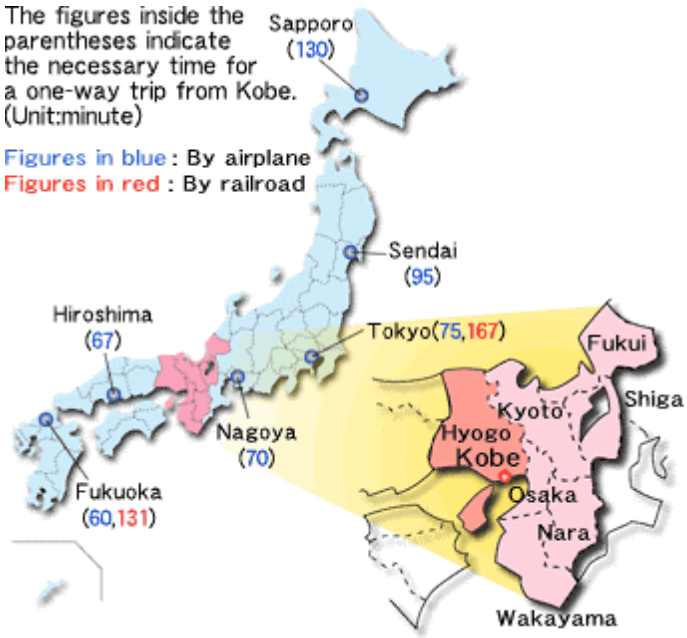
●Access to the Principal Cities of the World

It is about 50 minutes from Kobe to Kansai International Airport which offers 693 flights a week to 64 cities in 26 countries of the world.



●Access to Domestic Principal Cities

Since Hyogo Prefecture is located nearly to the geographical center of Japan, principal domestic cities are accessible by using railways, (the Shin-Kobe station of the Shinkansen line), airplanes, (Kansai International Airport or Osaka International Airport), and automobiles, (via highway networks), in a short time.

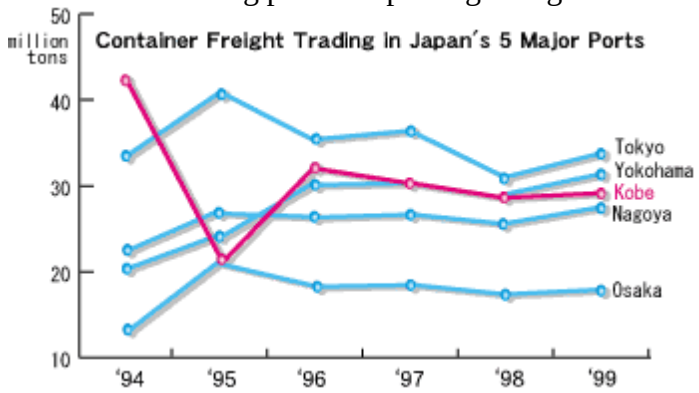


Physical Distribution

Hyogo-Kobe hosts "the Port of Kobe," one of the most prominent trading ports in the world, and is close to "Kansai International Airport," the second largest international airport in Japan. With its system of reinforced expressway networks, Hyogo-Kobe is a perfect location to base physical distribution or production facilities.

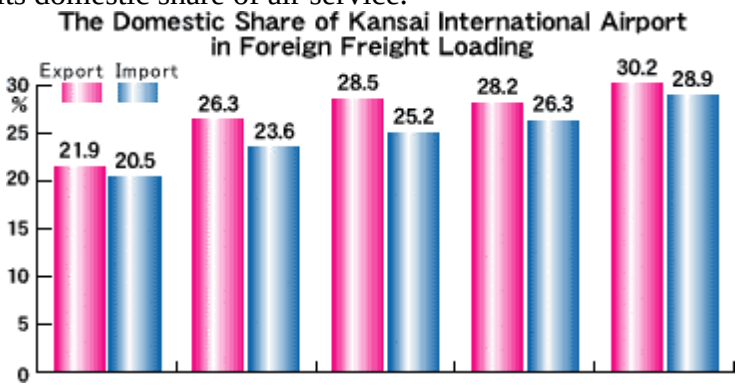
●The Port of Kobe: The Leading Trading Port in Japan

Kobe port is a leading international trading port in Japan regarding total volume of freight handling.



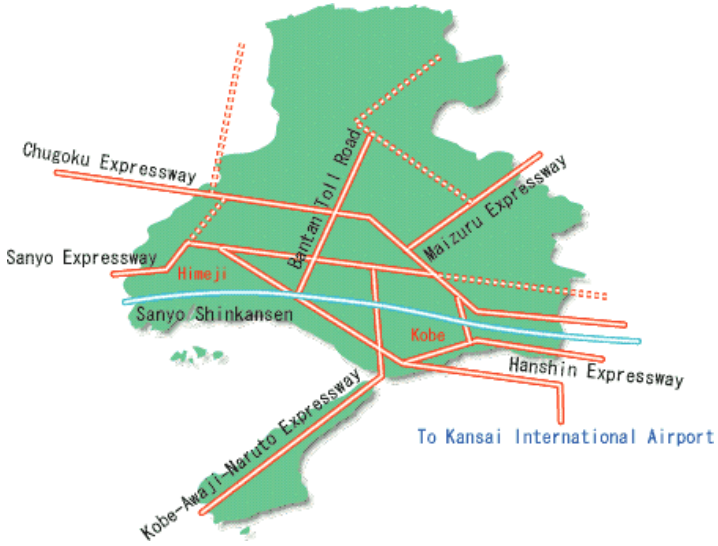
● Kansai International Airport (KIX): The Second Largest International Airport in Japan

Kansai International Airport is the second largest international airport in Japan. Opened in 1994, it is rapidly expanding its domestic share of air service.



●-Well- Established Expressway Network

Expressways link Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, and Kobe in almost a straight line with approximately 550 km between Kobe and Tokyo. In addition, a network of expressways extend across Hyogo Prefecture, making Kobe, Osaka, and Tokyo accessible from various parts of the Prefecture in a short time.

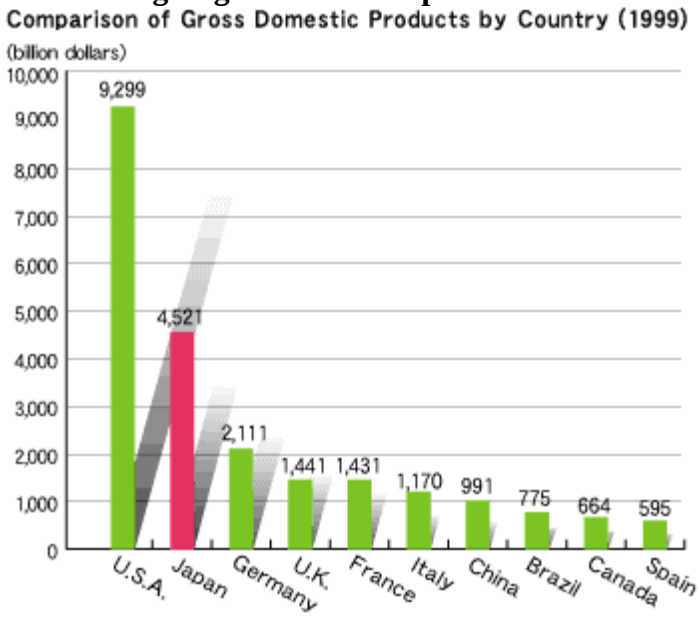


2. Business Environment

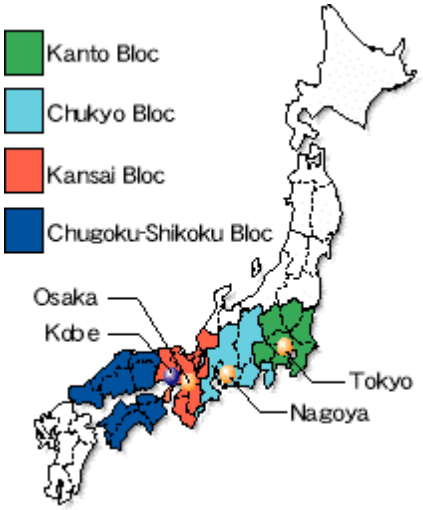
With a gross product output of approximately 81 trillion-yen and a population of approximately 21.7 million, Kansai is the second largest economic bloc in Japan. These figures indicate that Kansai is comparable in terms of gross product and population to all major European countries. Hyogo Prefecture is the center of the Kansai economic bloc, together with Osaka Prefecture, offering the perfect environment for a center of business production, physical distribution, and sales.

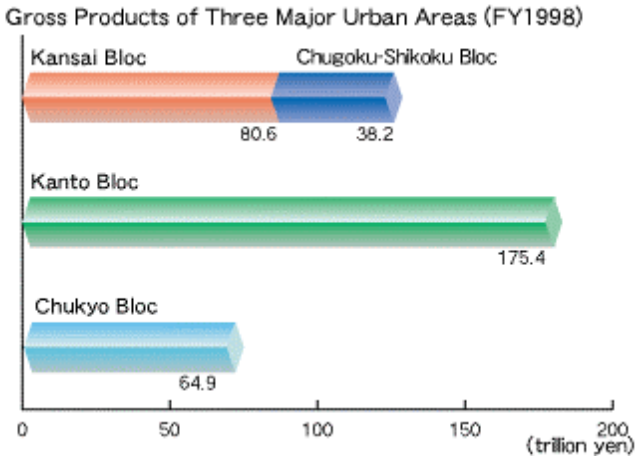
Gross Product

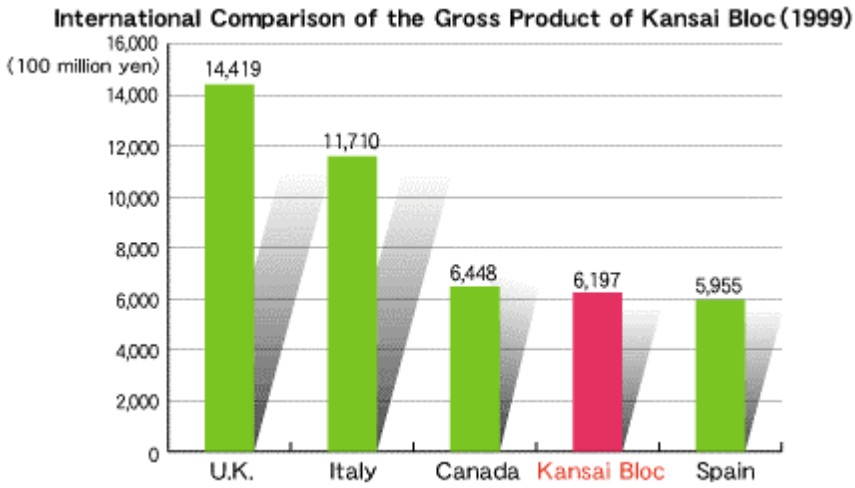
●Japan: The world's second largest gross domestic product



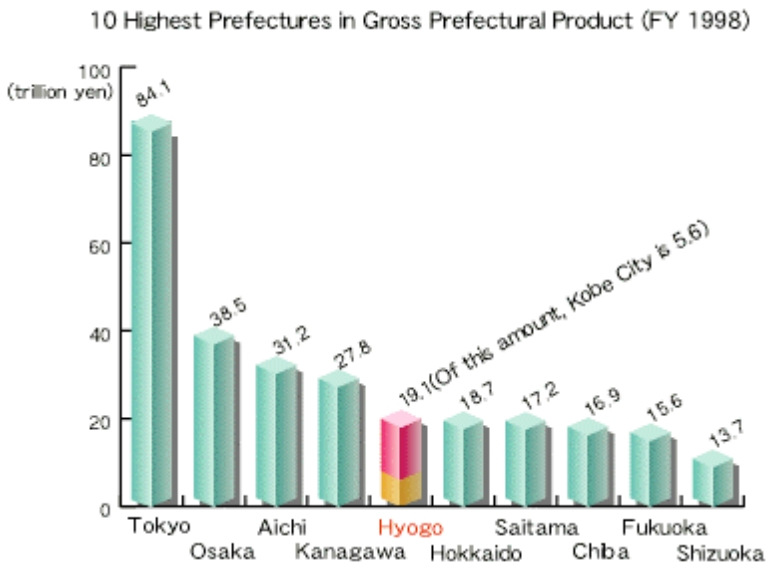
● Kansai: Japan's second largest economic bloc after the Kanto bloc







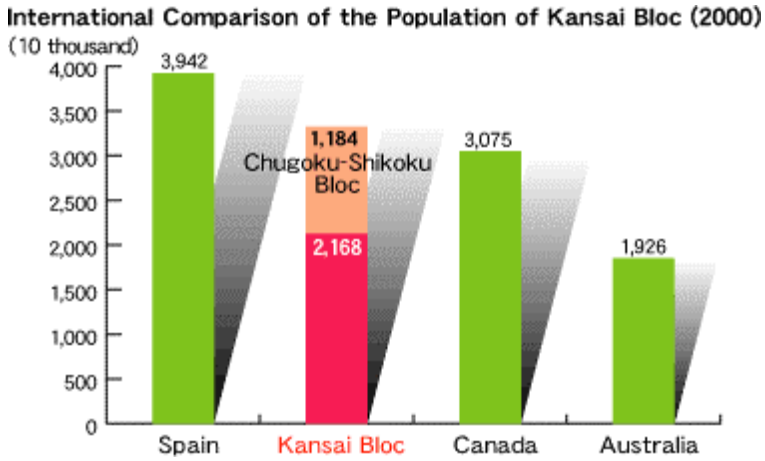
● **Hyogo Prefecture-ranked fifth in gross product among the 47 prefectures of Japan**



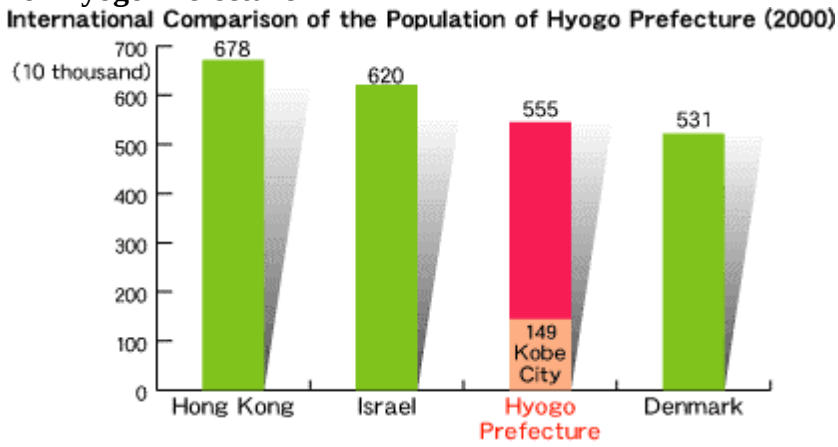
Market Size

The population of the Kansai bloc exceeds 21 million people. Combined with the population of adjacent Chugoku-Shikoku bloc, the population exceeds that of Canada, while being somewhat less than that of Spain. The population of Hyogo Prefecture alone is comparable to that of Hong Kong, Israel, or Denmark. Moreover, the personal savings per household are high, making the prefecture very attractive as a sales market.

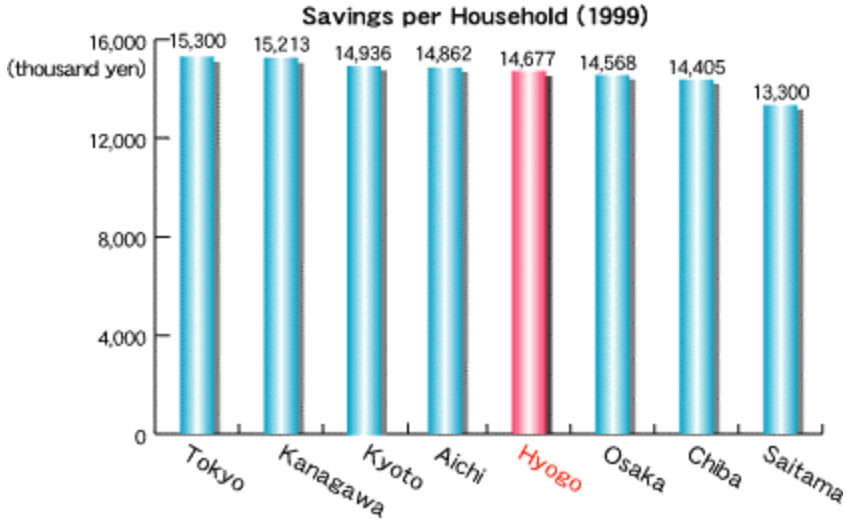
●The Population of Kansai Bloc



●The Population of Hyogo Prefecture

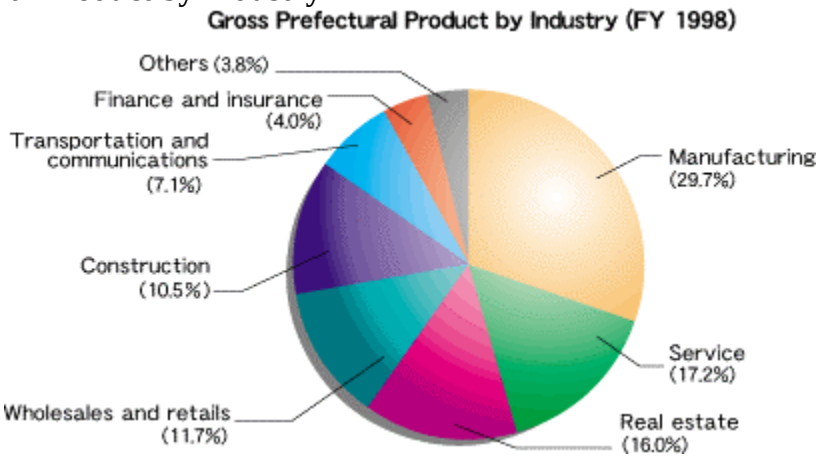


●Savings per Household

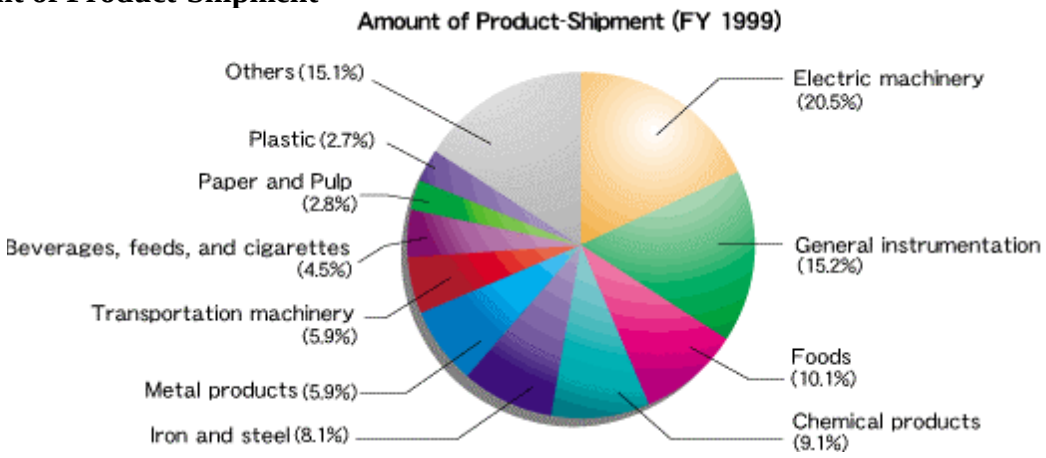


Industrial Structure of Hyogo Prefecture

●Gross Prefectural Product by Industry



●Amount of Product-Shipment



Concentration of Research and Development Institutions

Kansai is a concentrated bloc of research and development institutions, including Harima Science Garden City and Kansai Science City. These have been established in various places, with companies, universities, colleges and governments promoting active research interaction between one another.

Harima Science Garden City: This is a nature-rich technopolis covering 2,010 hectares. An impressive array of research and development facilities are concentrated here, including: SPring-8, the world's largest synchrotron radiation facility, the Faculty of Science of the Himeji Institute of Technology, the Center for Advanced Science & Technology HYOGO, and Hyogo Ion Beam Medical Center. Laboratory sites are also provided for private enterprises.

Kansai Advanced Research Center, Communications Research Laboratory: These are research facilities established for the development of Asia-Pacific information and communications infrastructure, cerebral function research, as well as research on superconductors and electromagnetic waves, or research interaction.

Kobe International Multimedia & Entertainment City (KIMEC): Communications-related research projects on digital networking services are in progress here. These include the Digital Visual Image Institute, and telephone systems connections by International Simple Resale. Research laboratories of companies in related fields are welcome to consider establishing new operations at KIMEC.

Kobe Coastal Area: This expanding area includes the Kobe New Eastern City Center and Port Island. This New Eastern City Center is a health care-related research base featuring the WHO Kobe Centre. Port Island is a multimedia-related research base for Digital Visual Image Research Institute and the International Media Port Initiative.

Kobe University Area: There are several universities and colleges with the departments of science and technology and their attached laboratories, including Kobe University, Kwansei Gakuin University, and Konan University.

Amagasaki Area: This complex includes AIST Kansai (Life Electronics Research Center), The Advanced Materials Processing Institute Kinki Japan, and Amagasaki Research Incubation Center.

Osaka University Area: Research institutes of companies, universities, colleges, and governments abound here. Included are universities and colleges with the departments of science and technology, and their attached laboratories, such as Osaka University, Kansai University and Osaka Institute of Technology, AIST Kansai (Osaka National Research Institute), and Senri Life Science Center (Research Park).

Kyoto City Area: This area contains research institutes from companies, universities, colleges, and governments. These institutes include universities and colleges with the departments of science and technology, and their attached laboratories, such as Kyoto University, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Kyoto Sangyo University, and Kyoto Research Park.

Kansai Science City: An area of science and culture covering 2,792 hectares has been built in this location. Within this complex there are public research institutes such as ATR International, the

International Institute for Advanced Studies, the Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth, Ion Engineering Center, and the Free Electron Laser Engineering Institute. In addition, there are universities and colleges with the departments of science and technology, such as Nara Institute of Science and Technology, and Doshisha University, a complex of private institutes, and cultural facilities, such as Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library (provisionally named), and the Foundation for Multi-media Communications.

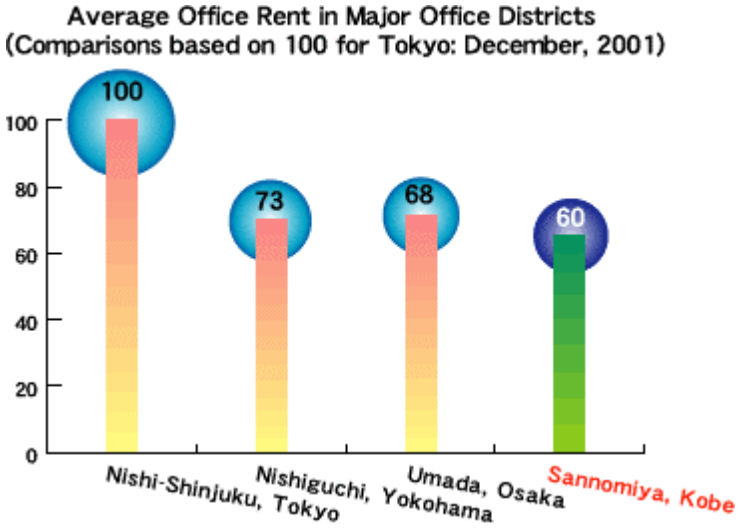
4. Cost

Although Hyogo is the center of a large economic bloc, it allows low-cost business advancement as compared with Tokyo and Osaka.

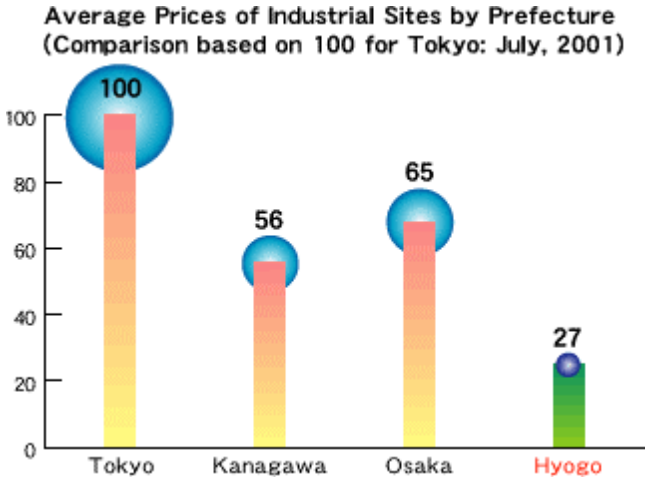
Comparison with Tokyo

Office Rent	60%
Price of Industrial Sites	27%
Wages	78%
Average Price of Residential Areas	40%
Consumer Price Index	95%

●Office Rent



●Price of Industrial Sites



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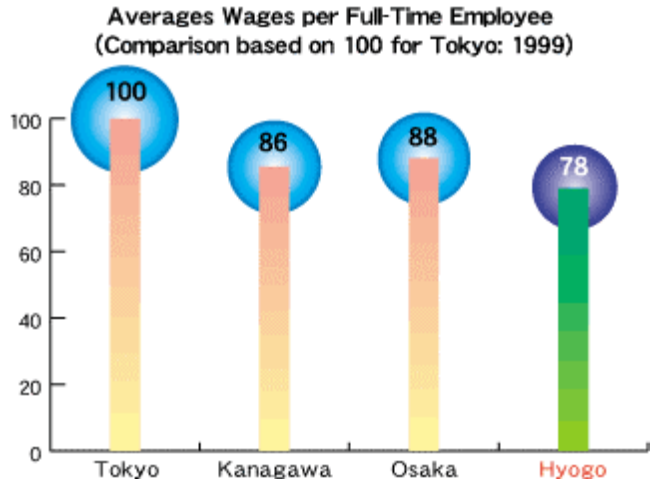
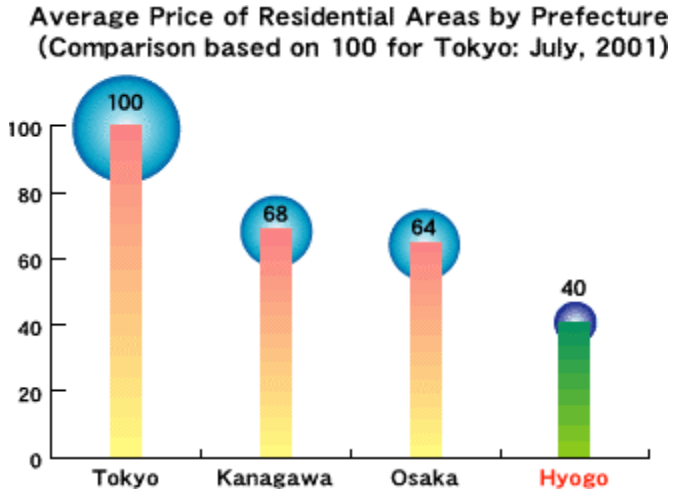
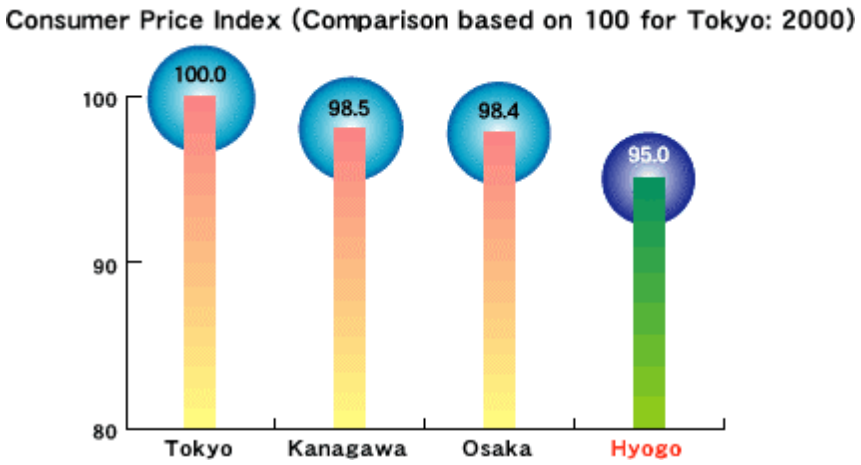


●Average Price of Residential Areas



●Consumer Price Index



5. Living Environment

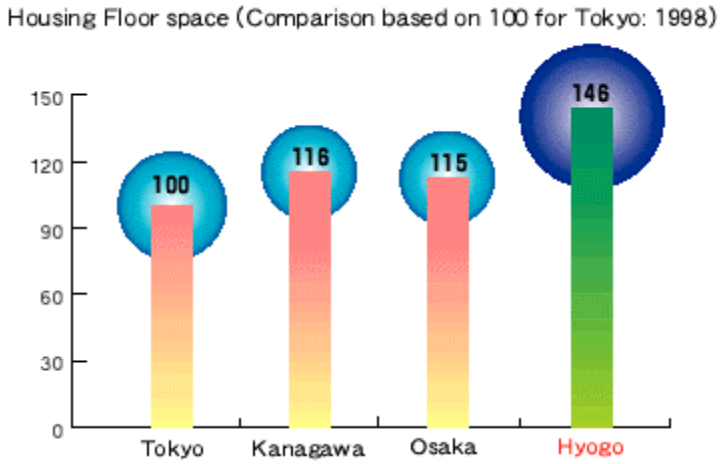
As compared with Tokyo and Osaka, Hyogo-Kobe provides comfortable living made possible by the harmonious coexistence of city functions and nature and includes the following advantages:

- Comfortable Housing Space
- Short Commuting Time
- Low Crime Rate
- Rich in Natural Beauty
- Well-Provided City Functions

Such excellence in living environment is made clear in light of the fact that "Hyogo is consistently rated in polls to boast one of the highest standards of living in Japan."
As well, Rokko Island provides housing for many members of the international community.

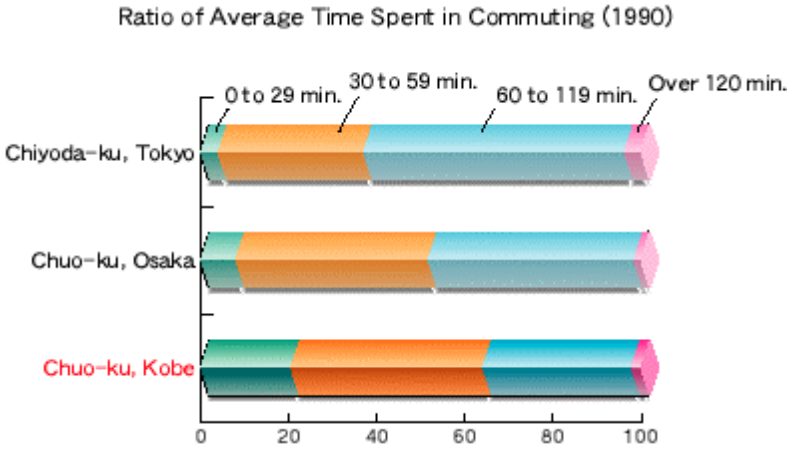
Housing Environment

●Housing Floor Space

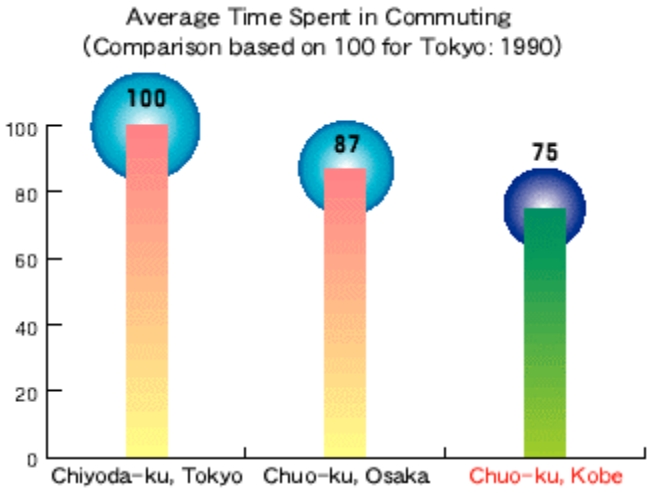


Time Spent in Commuting

●Easy Commuting as Compared with Tokyo and Osaka



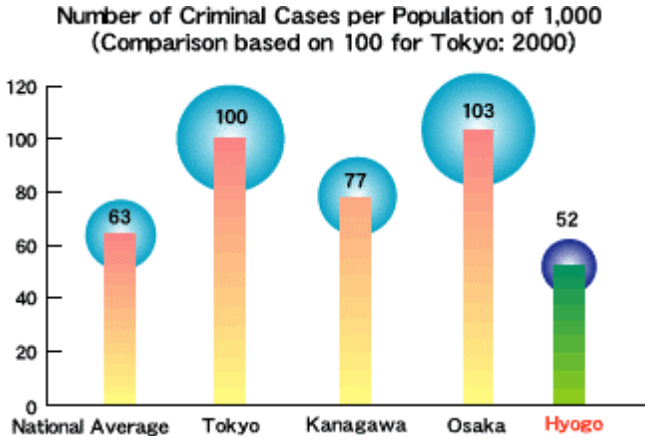
●Average Time Spent in Commuting



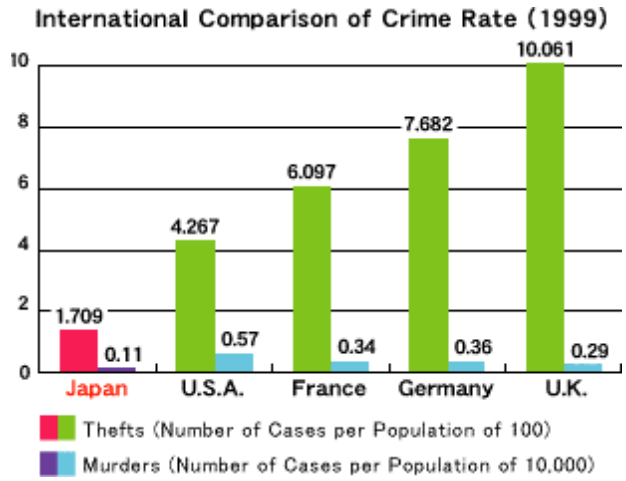
Safety

Japan is known as one of the safest among the countries of the world. Above all, the crime rate in Hyogo Prefecture has typically been almost half the rate of Tokyo or Osaka, and very low in comparison with the national average.

● **Crime Rate in Hyogo Prefecture:**
52% of that of Tokyo, 18% less than national average



●Crime Rate in Japan: one of the safest countries in the world.



6. Human Resources

There are many universities, colleges, and junior colleges in Kansai, including Kobe University, Osaka University and Kyoto University. Many excellent students are graduated from these internationally acclaimed institutions every year.

Universities and the Number of Students in Kansai (as of 1998)

	Number of Universities	Number of Students
Universities	33	301,365
Colleges of liberal arts or home economics	49	144,815
--- of Science or engineering	6	23,565
--- of medicine, dentistry, or pharmacy	17	12,073
--- of education	6	11,647
--- of fine arts	9	16,857
Total	**120**	**510,322**

Junior Colleges and the Number of Students in Kansai

	Number of Junior Colleges	Number of Students
Liberal arts	3	6,266
Science or engineering	5	3,579
Medical care	12	3,390
Fine arts	6	5,717
Other junior colleges	92	72,839
Technical junior colleges	7	6,600
Total	**125**	**98,391**

7. International Amenities and Opportunities

Kansai has been a Mecca of international exchange since older times. Today, about 30% of foreign residents in Japan live in Kansai area. Among the cities of Kansai, many foreign residents have chosen to live in Kobe because of its long history as an international trading port. Kobe is well-suited to non-Japanese residents, being a very convenient place to live in.

Foreign Residents in Hyogo Prefecture

Approximately 100,000 foreign residents live in Hyogo Prefecture. The population of international residents living in Hyogo is approximately 1.6% of the prefecture's total population, ranking the ratio of non-Japanese residents fourth in Japan. (Aug.2001)

/	Nationality	Number of Residents in Hyogo
Asia	North and South Korea	65,140
	China	15,710
	Vietnam	2,431
	Philippine	2,463
	India	1,156
	Indonesia	625
	Thailand	444
	Others	890
North America	America	2,327
	Canada	531
	Others	105
Europe	U.K.	673
	Germany	272
	France	212
	Norway	94
	Russia	103
	Switzerland	71
	Italy	80
	Other European Countries	488
South America	Brazil	3,818
	Peru	864
	Other South American Countries	285
Oceanian	Australia	453
	Other Oceanian Countries	194
Other (including stateless people)		274
Total		**99,703**

Foreign Organizations and Facilities

●Major International Schools in Hyogo Prefecture

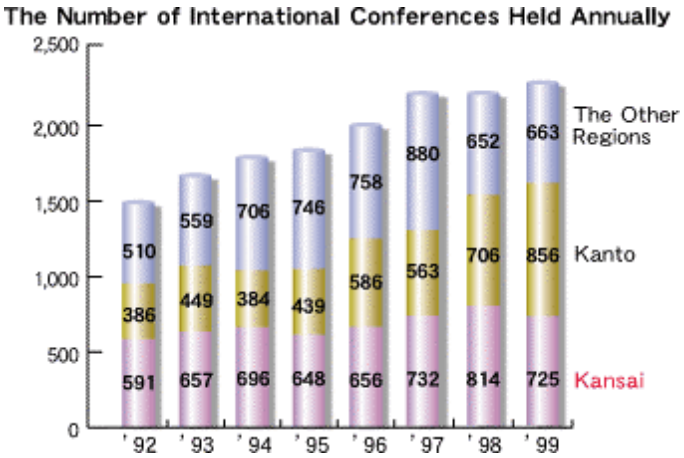
Name	Number of Students	Nationality of Students	Location
Saint Michael's International School	130	16 countries including India, U.S.A., U.K.	Chuo-ku, Kobe
German School	48	5 countries including Germany, France, and Switzerland	Nada-ku, Kobe
Canadian Academy	754	37 countries including U.S.A., India, and U.K.	Higashi-Nada-ku, Kobe
Lutheran International School	20	Norway	Higashi-Nada-ku, Kobe
Marist Brothers International School	250	25 countries including India, U.S.A, and U.K.	Suma-ku, Kobe

●Major Churches and Places of Worship

Institution	Faith
Sacred Hearts Church	Roman Catholic
Kobe Union Church	Protestant
Kobe Mariner's Centre	Anglican/Episcopal
Saint Michael's Cathedral	Anglican
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Mormon
Jewish Community of Kansai	Judaism
Kobe Moslem Mosque	Muslim
Siri Guru Nanak Darbar	Sikhism
Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Jaim Templ	Jainism
Sri Sathya Sa	Indian Social Society Temple
Norwegian Seamen's Church	Christianity

International Conferences Held Annually

- **Kansai bloc leads Japan next to Kanto bloc, in Annual International Conferences.**



- **Of all Japanese cities, Kobe was ranked 6th regarding the number of international conferences held (1999)**

Ranking	Host City	Number of Conferences
1	Tokyo	603
2	Osaka City	222
3	Fukuoka City	199
4	Nagoya City	195
5	Kyoto City	181
6	**Kobe City**	**178**
7	Sapporo City	112
8	Yokohama City	107
9	Senri (Osaka Pref.)	99
10	City	71

Foreign-Affiliated Companies (300+ Employees) in Hyogo Prefecture

There are 68 foreign affiliated companies currently headquartered in Hyogo Prefecture of which the following companies are representative. (Some companies not headquartered in Hyogo are also included.)

Note: (B) = type of business, (I) = year of incorporation, (C) =capital, (E)=# of employees

[American Companies]

1	**Max Factor K.K. (Headquartered in Kobe City)** (B) Cosmetics, drug medicine (I) 1987 (C) 1,086 million yen (E) 2,222 Procter & Gamble Far East Inc. (Japan) 100%invested.
2	**Procter & Gamble Far East Inc. (Kobe City)** (B) Everyday items (I) 1983 (C)_ (E) 2,743 Registered as a branch of Procter & Gamble Co. (U.S.A.) in Japan
3	**KMT Semiconductor Ltd. (Nishiwaki City)** (B) Semiconductors (I) 1990 (C) 21,050 million yen (E) 884 Micron Technology Inc. (U.S.A.) 25% and Kobe Steel, Ltd. 75% invested
4	**Agilent Technologies Japan,Ltd.(Kobe City)** (B) Computers, electronic equipment (I) 1963 (C) 7,440 million yen (E) 2,000 Agilent Technologies,Inc. (U.S.A.)100% invested.
5	**Display Technologies, Inc. (Himeji City)** (B) Large liquid crystal color displays (I) 1989 (C) 20 billion yen (E) 1,400 International Business Machines Corp.(U.S.A.) 50% Toshiba Corp. 50% invested

[Swiss Companies]

6	**Nestle Japan Holding Ltd.(Kobe City)** (B) Manufacturing and sales of food products including coffee and others (I) 1933 (C) 20 billion yen (E) 2,800 Nestle S.A. (Switzerland) 100% invested.

[British Companies]

7	**Nihon Mediphisics Co., Ltd. (Nishinomiya City)** (B) Radioactive drugs (I) 1973 (C) 3,145 million yen (E) 700 Nycomed Amersham(U.K.)50%, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.50% invested

[Dutch Companies]

8	**Eli Lilly Japan Ltd. (Kobe City)** (B) Manufacturing of drugs for humans and animals (I) 1975 (C) 444 million yen (E) 1,150 Eli Lilly Netherlands B.V. (The Netherlands) 100% invested.
9	**Alstom Power K.K. (Kobe City)** (B) Importing of machine, equipment and plant (I) 1907 (C) 2,800 million yen (E) 390 Alstom Power N.V.(The Netherlands)100%
10	**Philips Mobile Display Systems Kobe K.K. (Kobe City)** (B) Manufacturing and sales of TFT equipment (I) 2000 (C) 4,200 million yen (E) 370 Philips Electronics N.V.(The Netherlands)100%

[Swedish Companies]

11	**Sandvic K.K. (Kobe City)** (B) Hard metal tools, processing systems (I) 1976 (C) 2,600 million-yen (E) 345 Sandvic AB (Sweden) 100% invested.

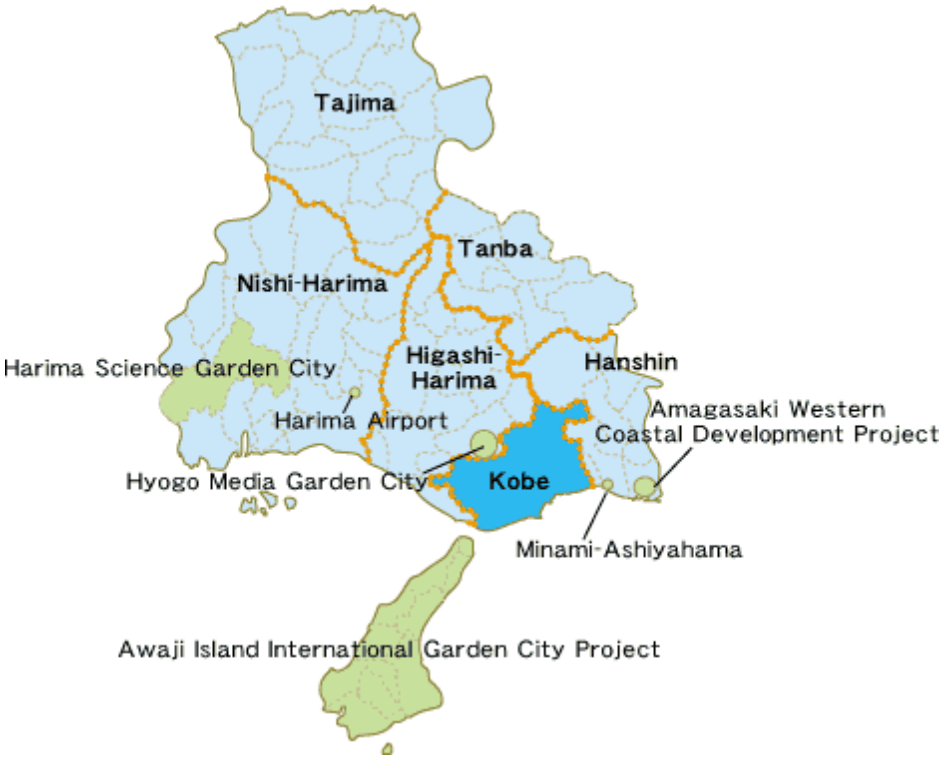
[German Companies]

12	**Nippon Boehringer Ingelheim Co., Ltd. (Kawanishi City)** (B) Development, import, manufacturing of drugs (E) 1961 (C) 6.8 billion-yen (E) 1,355 Boehringer Ingelheim International Co., Ltd. (Germany) 100% invested

Source: "Compendium of Foreign-Affiliated Companies2001" by Toyo Keizai, Inc.

8. Major Projects

Harima Science Garden City: A 2,010 hectare city has been developed based on the concept of a highly functioning city which includes the integration of science and technology, international exchange, park lands and healthcare facilities. In this utopian model, people, nature, and science are in harmony. A large Synchrotron Radiation Facility (SPpring-8) went into service in 1997, and private laboratories are being established.



Hyogo Media Garden City: Endeavoring to provide information industrialization, add high value to industry and encourage interactions among “people, materials and information,” a nature-rich city has been formed. Central facilities such as research and development buildings for information and communication technology, and facilities for fostering excellent workers have been built.

Amagasaki Western Coastal Development Project: A multitude of new housing units, industrial production and distribution works, recreational and meeting places, trading facilities, and green zones have been built. This ambitious “post-earthquake recovery and re-development base” occupies about 55 hectares of former factory sites.

Harima Airport: This new air transport hub is scheduled to open in 2008.

Minami-Ashiyahama: Business & research facilities, commercial and lodging facilities, marinas and parks are provided, adjacent to approximately 3,000 houses.

Awaji Island International Garden City Project: With the improvement of National Akashi Channel Park, Hyogo Prefectural Awaji Island Park, and Awaji Dream Stage, this initiative aims to form a safe ‘Communication City’ with a disaster-prevention facility and the opportunity to interact with nature, people, and the world.

Kobe New Eastern City Center: At 120 hectares and integrated with Sannomiya and Harbor Land, the new center of the city has been created. It provides various city functions such as services and research, cultural and exchange, protection against disasters and property for both private homes and industries seriously damaged by the earthquake. WHO Kobe Centre was opened in the spring of 1998, and now “Healthcare Park,” focusing on the topic of life, is being planned.

Kaigan line, Kobe Municipal subway: As a new main line to connect major terminals in the City of Kobe, it has completed on the autumn of 2001. Some 23 projects are in progress along the Kaigan line.

Port Island 2nd Stage: The 15-meter-deep container berthes are now in operation. Fashion related business, urban-type plants, large-scale commercial and international exchange facilities are being invited to participate. " Kobe KIMEC Center Building", with information and communication-related companies and " Kobe International Business Center" supporting foreign and foreign-affiliated company's business, has opened for business. Core institutions of the "Kobe Medical Industry Development Project"are also built.The Kobe International Multimedia & Entertainment City Initiative, the Enterprise Zone Initiative (with incentives designed for companies to establish their business), the Shanghai/Yangtze Trade Promotion Project, and the planning of The Super Convention Center are all currently in progress.

Rokko Island South: High-standard container terminals, wharves able to accommodate even the largest, most technologically advanced super liners, and general distribution centers have all been built. With these world-beating features, Kobe port will soon be restored to its former greatness as an international trading hub.

Kobe International Business Center
The Center is primarily intended to provide foreign & foreign affiliated companies with office and WAM (warehouse, assembly and manufacturing) facilities which comprise spaces usable for offices, warehouses, laboratories and manufacturing plants and display rooms, all of which can be rented at low costs. The Center is also intended to function by maintaining close relations with JETRO's Kobe FAZ Support Center (located in KIMEC Center Bldg.) and to serve as a strategic facility that supports business development in the Kobe area Building area: approx. 5,000 square meter. Total floor area of the building: 20,000 square meter . Completion is planned: the Spring of 2001.

The Kobe Medical Industry Development Project
*Construction of the next generation medical system in cooperation with major universities and medical institutions in Kansai area.
This strategic project aims to: improve the level of medical service; attract a cluster of healthcare-related industries; and elevate the technology level of existing industries.
* Main research themes: clinical trials, cell therapy, genetics, and medical/welfare equipment
* The core facilities will be built in the Port Island district.
Advanced Medical Center: research and development, and clinical research support
Medical Business Support Center (tentative name): assessment, dissemination, business support, and incubation
Training Center (tentative name): human resource development
* Target completion for the core facilities is the year 2005 (various model experiments will be initiated in 1999).

- **Advanced Medical Center** is going to be established on March 2001 by the administrative organization :The Advanced Medical Promotion Foundation . (Supporting the new industries' creation, research-&-development and clinical research etc. on the medical imaging equipment and related equipments.)

- **The Embyology and Regeneration Science Research Institute**, which is one of the main national "Millennium Project" as the research of the medical regeneration, started on April 2000.

- **The Meeting of The Kobe Medical Industry Development Project** has started August 1999, and it's considering concretely in four working groups, Medical Imaging Center, Clinical Research Support Center, the medical regeneration, and urban infrastructure.

Shanghai/Yangtze Trade Promotion Project
*Expand business opportunities and advance partnership between Hanshin economic region and China's rapidly growing Shanghai/Yangtze regions; establish a connection between the formation of the Shanghai International Financial Center and the development of the Hanshin economic region.
* Establish an economic exchange zone aiming at direct exchange, and build a China Town behind.
* Commission an oceangoing vessel to travel directly to the Yangtze River Basin (started Feb. 1997)
* Open the Kobe International Distribution Center in the economic exchange zone in March 1999.

Kobe Airport: This new Hyogo-Kobe asset is planned to open as a local airport in FY 2005. 3.4 million travelers are expected to make use of the airport during its first year.

Port Liner Extension Plan : Port Liner will be extended to the accompaniment of the airport opening, from the existing station in Port Island(1st Stage) to the tourist terminal of Kobe Airport. It takes about 16 minutes from Sannomiya to Kobe Airport Terminal. Moreover towards 2010, it is made plan of remodeling the station building and improvement facilities, resulted in strength the transportation capacity, making up of eight cars and shortening the train's interval and so on.

	opened point	**completed point**
rail length	approx.9.5 km(part of new rail is approx.5.7 km)	approx.9.5 km
transportation capacity	approx.10 thousands par hour	approx.20 thousands par hour
opening target	FY.2005	FY.2010

9. Incentives

Incentives on Hyogo Prefecture's Ordinance for the Promotion of Industrial Recovery and Kobe City's Kobe Enterprise Zone Ordinance

1. The Outline of the Incentives

1. The Port Island 2nd Stage district
2. Five industrial fields: life-style, information and telecommunication, internationalization, leisure and tourism, and distribution
3. Effective from January 1, 1997 to March 31, 2002.
4. Reductions of Kobe municipal and Hyogo prefectural taxes, subsidies, and financing
5. Leading projects are planned to perform.

2. Details of the Incentives

(1) Tax Reductions

- 50 % reduction of the property tax and urban planning tax for 3 years.
- 50 % reduction of the real estate acquisition tax

(2) Subsidies

- Subsidy for feasibility studies (Limit: 5.5 million yen for foreign companies; 3 million yen for Japanese companies
- Subsidy on office rent (Limit: 5 million yen/year, 3 years)
- Program for creating new industries (Limit: 50 million yen for research and development; 5 million yen for incorporation feasibility

(3) Financing, etc.

- Financing system for promoting the location of corporate establishments (Limit: 1 billion yen for specified business)
- Provision of capital for creating new industries
  Underwriting of stocks, convertible bonds, and warrant bonds (Limit of finance: 200 million yen)

(4) Others

- Acceptance of foreign interns
- Consulting on deregulation and others.

Incentives by National Government

1. Tax Reductions

Incentives are available regarding national and local taxes in less developed areas, de-populated areas, isolated islands, agricultural and industrial areas, special areas for industrial consolidation, urban development areas, areas suitable for factories, technopolis areas, and regions with a low concentration of industry.

2. Subsidies

Subsidies are available when moving to regions with a low concentration of industry (especially, power supply regions); establishing a new plant; or expanding plants in regions with low concentrations of industry (especially, power supply regions). These subsidies will also be available to those new enterprises establishing a new plant or expanding a plant, etc. in an area where job opportunities are insufficient.

3. Financing Systems

There are various financing systems offered by Development Bank of Japan, Japan Regional Development Corp., the Small Business Finance Corp., and The Norinchukin Bank.

Incentives by Hyogo Prefectural Government and Municipalities

1. Hyogo Prefecture

Financing system to promote the establishment of a corporate location. (Limit: 500 million yen or 1 billion-yen)

Foreign Company's Localization Promotion Subsidies

Subsidies for the companies ,who research on the locating the head office in Hyogo Prefecture(up to 5 million yen)

2. Municipalities

Each municipal government has its own subsidies and financing system in addition to the incentives and support provided by the national and prefectural governments.