

神戸大学  
**KOBE UNIVERSITY**  
**Map and Introduction**  
<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/>

**Kobe University Facts and Figures 2015**  
As of May 1, 2015

Established in **1902**  
Total number of enrolled students: **16,391**  
Undergraduate students: **11,696**  
Graduate students: **4,695**  
International students: **1,152**  
Academic staff: **1,592**

**Tuition & Fees**

	Entrance Examination Fee	Admission Fee	Tuition Fees
Undergraduates	¥17,000	¥282,000	¥ 535,800 / year
Graduates	¥30,000	¥282,000	¥ 535,800 / year
Research Students	¥9,800	¥84,600	¥ 29,700 / month

**Scholarships**  
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**4 Law**  
**Aleksandra Babovic**/International Student/Republic of Serbia  
I am Aleksandra Babovic, currently in the first year of the PhD course, specializing in the historical and legal aspects of international criminal tribunals. The Graduate School of Law has offered me the opportunity to grow intellectually and challenge myself in a multi-disciplinary, multi-lingual, and innovative environment. As a Kobe University student, I have been fortunate to receive assistance from renowned professors and researchers in the field, as well as to work independently, freely express my creativity, and improve my networking skills. The friendly, supportive, and relaxing surroundings at the University are crucial for each student to have a well-balanced life, and therefore provide additional value. If this is the university profile you are looking for, Kobe University is the place to be!

**5 Economics**  
**MIZUNO Tomomichi**/Associate Professor/Industrial organization  
My research concerns markets involving corporate transactions. The resources required for companies to operate can be obtained in different ways. For example, companies can produce the resources themselves, purchase them from third-party sellers, or acquire companies that produce the desired resources. The boundary that separates the interior and exterior of the corporation can be determined once the characteristics of the corporate transaction's competitive environment have been identified. Corporate transactions are an interesting research theme that helps us to understand companies' characteristics.

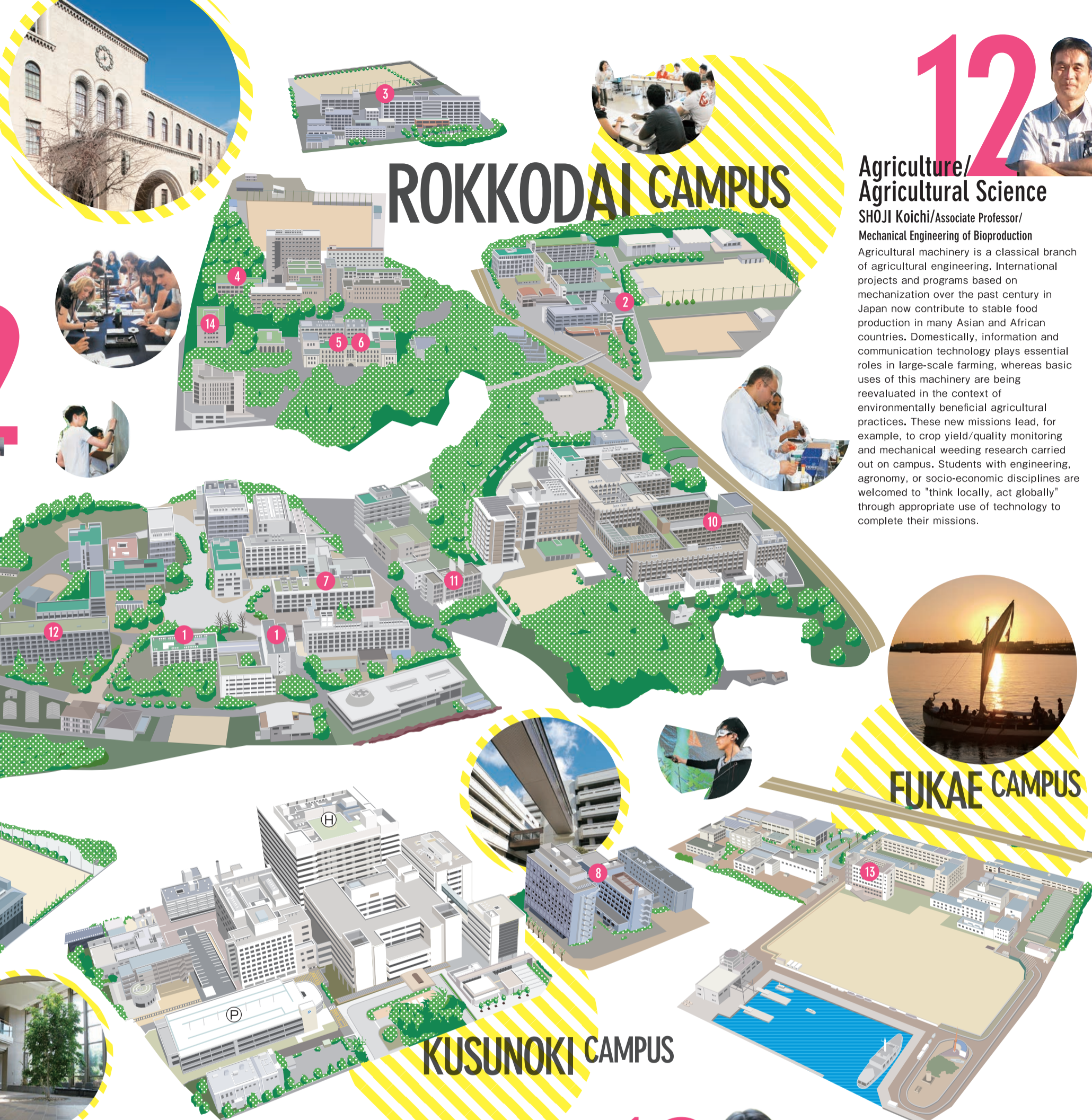
**1 Letters / Humanities**  
**MASUKI Ryusuke**/Associate Professor /Japanese and Chinese Art History  
I am an art historian with a particular interest in Japanese Buddhist paintings from the tenth to twelfth centuries. My own research seeks to compare Chinese Tang and Sung dynasty paintings with Japanese works. For art historians, the most important process in the study of painting is the careful, direct observation of as many masterpieces as possible. Therefore, during the course of my research, I have often needed to travel around Japan and China in search of paintings. In our teaching program within the Art History Department at Kobe University, we offer our students numerous opportunities to directly observe major works of art. Thanks to the close proximity of our university to two of the ancient capitals of Japan, Nara and Kyoto, students enjoy regular study visits to important temples and museums. If you are interested in Japanese art, I am confident that the Faculty of Letters at Kobe University is the ideal place to pursue this line of research.

**2 Intercultural Studies**  
**Minsung Koh**/International Student/Republic of Korea  
I am a first-year doctoral student in the Area research course. My research theme is 'Why South Korean society shows evasive attitude toward defectors from North Korea'. This school, Intercultural Studies, values diverse viewpoints. In addition, the various members of our office encourage me to keep an open mind every day. Of course, the professors are also diverse, and their ideas are very interesting. These aspects of the program are the main reasons why I choose to study here. In this research environment, I have become a more flexible person than I was before entering the Intercultural Studies school, and I have acquired the skills of thinking neutrally and in a circumspect manner. Another aspect that was important to my choice was the beautiful natural environment in which the school is located. If you have the opportunity to come here, you will also experience the surrounding sights, such as like Mt. Rokko and Osaka Bay. The colourful students and great natural environment contribute to an enjoyable scholastic life.

**3 Human Development / Human Development and Environment**  
**TSUDA Eiji**/Professor  
/Community Education and Disability Studies  
Communities must work together to deal with disability issues. With this philosophy in mind, we are studying how to build community awareness and involve more people in seriously addressing such issues. From this perspective, our action research is concerned with the essence of human life, including human relationships, abilities, and family functions. Cultural settings affect how communities deal with disability issues. To better understand this, we have been conducting collaborative research with universities and institutions in Korea to realize an East Asian style of inclusive society, as well as action research in the local community of Kobe.

**6 Business Administration**  
**SUEHIRO Hideo**/Professor/Game Theory  
Kobe University supports a full range of management studies, ranging from clinical and applied research to the basic science of management. My research field belongs to the latter category, and focuses on the discipline called game theory. Game theory is the mathematical science that looks at individual behaviors from the perspective of rationality and intelligence in human interactions. As demonstrated by awarding of the 1994 Nobel Prize in economics to three game theorists, game theory has made great contributions to the development of economics. I use game theory to study organizational behaviors including cooperation, leadership, and teamwork in business organizations.

**7 Science**  
**Anthony Eritano**/International Student/United States of America  
I am currently studying in the Department of Biology and earning my Ph.D in Developmental Biology. I came to Kobe University after earning my Master's degree in the USA. The staff and faculty at Kobe University have gone above and beyond their duties to help me adjust and feel welcomed to graduate life in Japan. Kobe University and Japan have given me opportunities that I could not have in the US. Studying at Kobe University has given me a chance to mature as a scientist and make an impact in the field of biology.



**8 Medicine**  
**Shaymaa Mohamed Mohamed Badawy**/International Student/Arab Republic of Egypt  
Considering pursuing a PhD degree in Japan was a turning point in my life. As a second year student in biochemistry, graduate school of medicine, I was able to acquire not only experimental skills but also basic techniques of scientific research, such as hypothesis formation, experimental design, and data analysis, with support from my kind supervisor and cooperative labmates. In addition, Kobe University provides the international students with safety rules in the case of natural disasters, so please do not worry. Furthermore, Kobe University is located in one of the most beautiful tourist areas. I hope these aspects will increase your interest in Kobe University.

**9 Health Sciences**  
**FUJINO Hidemi**/Professor/Pathokinesiology, Rehabilitation Science  
Rehabilitation science studies how to help people lead a better life from multiple viewpoints, by promoting rehabilitation and the improvement of physical and psychological functions, for the purpose of allowing people to achieve the best quality of daily life. Among other themes of study in this field, I specialize in medical rehabilitation, which aims at recovering physical exercise functions. We study and develop preventive and therapeutic methods, both in order to prevent disturbances of mobility caused by injury and diseases and to promote more rapid recovery from such disturbances. We also conduct joint research programs with Japanese and overseas universities (especially USA) and receive international students, mainly from the Middle East.

**10 Engineering**  
**SOUMA Satofumi**/Associate Professor/Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
Research activities in our electrical and electronic engineering department are categorized into two divisions: "physical electronics" and "computer and information engineering". My research theme, in the former category, is "computational nano-electronics". In particular, I am working on proposing an innovative design for nano-scale "transistors", the smallest building block of computer, and predicting their performance with extensive use of theoretical quantum physics and computer simulations. Such studies are important in innovating new information/communication devices. We welcome students who are interested in physics, engineering, and computer programming.

**11 System Informatics**  
**NAGATA Makoto**/Professor/Information Science  
Very large-scale integration (VLSI) systems ubiquitously contribute to our lives as key enabling components of mobile, automotive, robotic, medical, and many other cutting-edge applications. The Information Systems research group in the Graduate School of System Informatics has pursued circuit techniques and design methodologies for VLSI systems, with particular emphases on security, connectivity, electromagnetic compatibility, and analog / radio-frequency (RF) / digital mixed integration with advanced packaging technologies. As the complexity in VLSI systems increases, such studies can no longer be conducted without international collaborations and partnerships. Therefore, our graduate students are joining web-based conference calls and face-to-face meetings with our international collaborators, including as IMEC (Belgium), Telecom ParisTech (France), and technology companies in the United States.

**12 Agriculture/ Agricultural Science**  
**SHOJI Koichi**/Associate Professor/  
Mechanical Engineering of Bioproduction  
Agricultural machinery is a classical branch of agricultural engineering. International projects and programs based on mechanization over the past century in Japan now contribute to stable food production in many Asian and African countries. Domestically, information and communication technology plays essential roles in large-scale farming, whereas basic uses of this machinery are being reevaluated in the context of environmentally beneficial agricultural practices. These new missions lead, for example, to crop yield/quality monitoring and mechanical weeding research carried out on campus. Students with engineering, agronomy, or socio-economic disciplines are welcomed to "think locally, act globally" through appropriate use of technology to complete their missions.

**14 Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies**  
**Cintia Kawasaki**/International Student/Federative Republic of Brazil  
My experience in GSICS has been truly valuable to me, not only because it has given me indispensable theoretical and practical knowledge in my research field, but also because it has allowed me to build competence and skills for my professional career. Moreover, I count myself lucky to have an exceptional academic adviser who has closely guided me through my academic advancement. I also had the unique opportunity to be exposed to a diverse blend of cultures and students' backgrounds. I can assure you that GSICS offers the ideal atmosphere and the necessary resources for you to thrive in a truly international multicultural environment.

**15 Science, Technology and Innovation**  
**Akihiko Kondo**/Professor/Science, Technology and Innovation  
The new Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation established in 2016 is unique in Japan in equipping students with skills in innovation, commercialization, and enterprise as part of a graduate science program. The program will combine Kobe University's existing strengths in bio-production, membrane technology, communication technology and medical science. Members of this Graduate School will work with industry partners and use their education and training in entrepreneurship, finance and innovation to commercialize their research results.

**Recent Research Activity 01**  
**Humanity, Art and Social Science**  
**YUI Kiyomitsu**  
/Professor/Graduate School of Humanities  
**Sociology of Manga and Anime**  
Sociology is the study of human relationships in a society. Is it an exaggeration to say that people in modern society are connected in a certain respect via manga and the anime scene? This is my current research theme. Cosplay events are extremely popular all over the world. Why? I believe that the power, which Anime and Internet have to link people, should be embraced by mainstream academia. After the Great East Japan Earthquake, we found that many anime and manga fans were among those who extended a helping hand to the sufferers. The word Kizuna—bonding of people—is nowadays used not only among a small group of people but also globally. In my research, I attempt to examine this power of Manga and Anime.

**Recent Research Activity 02**  
**Life and Natural Science**  
**MANNEN Hideyuki**  
/Professor/Graduate School of Agricultural Science  
**Animal Breeding and Genetics Laboratory, Division of Bioresource Science, Graduate School of Agriculture Science**  
Our Laboratory engages in leading research on bovine genome analysis to address various issues in the breeding industry. This research also has applications for human society in general. One of our major projects is the development of a genetic diagnosis method for the identification of cattle breed and origin. This technology enables us to trace the origin and breed of all beef in the marketplace, which may help to prevent false labeling. Another piece of research is the identification and utilization of genes related to beef quality. Wagyu—Japanese domestic cattle—garner global attention for its high quality beef. Our laboratory conducted genome analysis of Wagyu and identified several key genes which relate to its desirable traits. This technology is the world's first genome identification method for beef traits.



Kobe, the city of culture and cosmopolitan tradition, offers you an excellent school life!

# CAMPUS LOCATION



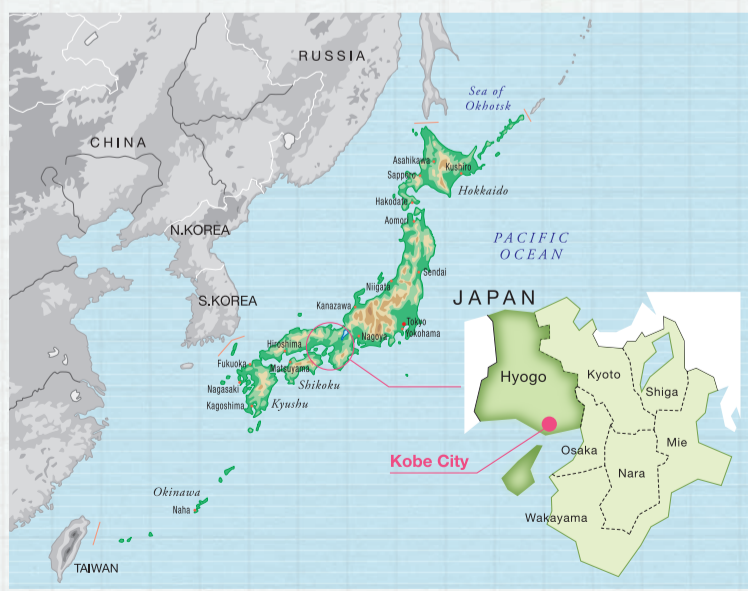
## 1 Suwayama Park

Located near the top of Mt. Suwayama in the Rokko mountain range, Suwayama Park offers a panoramic view of Kobe city. Because of its proximity to downtown Kobe, the park is a popular spot for people in Kobe to enjoy a breathtaking view from the park square as well as nearby Venus Bridge. The park also has a restaurant and parking facilities.



## 2 Kitano Ijinkan

After the Port of Kobe was opened to foreign trade in 1868, Kitano district, to the west of Kobe City Hall, was developed as a residential area for foreign merchants and diplomats. Today, 34 remaining mansions have been designated as a Group of Traditional Buildings and some are open to the public, including Weathercock House and Moegi House.



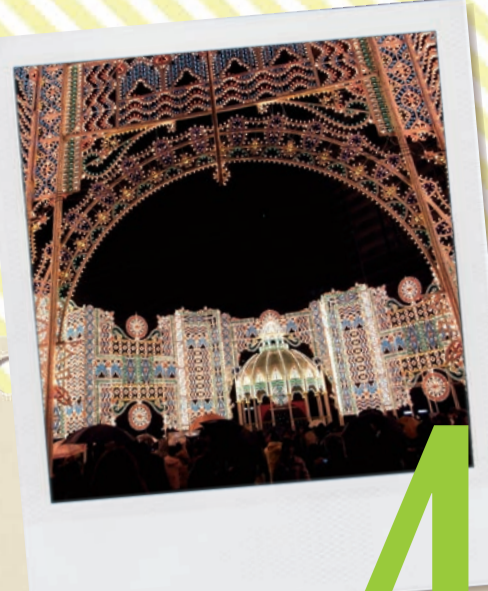
## 3 Nankin-machi

As one of most famous Chinatowns in Japan, Nankin-machi is a popular spot for tourists, especially during the Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival. You can browse from shop to shop to find various unique Chinese goods or enjoy Chinese food sold at street stands. The Chinese food in Nankin-machi is adjusted to Japanese tastes and is reasonably priced.



## 4 Kobe Luminarie

Kobe Luminarie is a light festival held in downtown Sannomiya every December. Beautifully designed wooden frames with hundreds of thousands of lights in different colors are displayed along the streets and in Higashi Yuenchi park. The event was first held in 1995 to encourage and hearthen the people in Kobe in the wake of the Great Hanshin-Awaji earthquake, which occurred earlier in the same year. Kobe Luminarie is also a popular dating spot.



## 5 Old Foreign Settlement

The Old Foreign Settlement was established for foreigners as an territorial area beyond the Japanese government authority when the Port of Kobe was opened. After its return to the Japanese government in 1899, the area continued to develop as a cosmopolitan gateway to the world. There remain many retro style buildings from the end of Taisho to early Showa eras.



## 6 Harbor Land

Located to the west of Meriken Park on the waterfront, Kobe Harborland is a shopping and entertainment zone with large commercial complexes including Mosaic. Overlooking iconic buildings such as Kobe Port Tower and the Maritime Museum, the area is especially popular among young people. It is connected to JR Kobe station via an underground passage.



## Kobe University



## It's My Favorite!

In Kobe, you can enjoy many tasty sweets. If you want to exercise, please try to climb Mt. Rokko. You will see wonderful scenery. If you come here, you will have many great experiences!!

**Hiroyuki Okawa**  
Doctoral Student  
Chemical Science and Engineering  
Graduate School of Engineering



## It's My Favorite!

Kobe is a nice place to study in a relaxed atmosphere. You will discover good opportunities in Kobe University not only to improve your academic skills but also to have a great experience through your school life!

**Daichi Horie**  
Master Student  
Economics  
Graduate School of Economics



## Kobe University Academic Calendar 2016/2017

Semester 1/Spring (April-September)					
April	May	June	July	August	September
1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		Summer Vacation	
Instructional Period		Examination		Orientation for New International Student	
Semester 2/Fall (October-March)					
October	November	December	January	February	March
3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Commencement Ceremony	
Instructional Period		Examination		Winter Vacation	

### Estimated Living Cost

Average Monthly Costs for Kobe University Students	
Books and Materials	¥ 10,000
Accommodation	
Rent for public apartments	¥ 40,000 ~ +deposit
University Accommodation	¥ 5,900 ~ ¥ 37,300
Board & Living expense	¥ 30,000
Utility (Electricity, Gas, Water)	¥ 15,000
Others (Transportation, National Health Insurance, etc.)	¥ 30,000 ~
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>¥ 100,000 ~ /month</b>

## International Student Interview

### Oranand Sukhasvasti

Thailand  
the Kobe-Oxford Japanese Studies Program,  
Faculty of Letters  
Kobe University



Studying abroad in Japan has always been my dream for a very long time and thus I am very delighted to be able to study at Kobe University for a year as a part of the Kobe Oxford Japanese Studies Programme. Joining the Faculty of Letters here enables me not only to improve my Japanese through intense regular Japanese language classes, but also allows me to engage myself in a wide variety of intriguing and eye-opening lectures, from psychology to philosophy and literature. The university also provides lots of chances for us to mingle with both Japanese students and other overseas students, a great opportunity of us to share and exchange our cultures and forge a good relationship and understanding between different countries. Moreover, the teachers, staffs and other students are always on the lookout to help us in times of need, both academically and on everyday life issues, especially in the occasion of deciphering large amounts of paper works and contracts which is a daunting and inevitable part of living abroad. The university campus, situated on the foot of Mount Rokko, overlooks the beautiful port town below and gives off a very friendly and relaxing learning atmosphere. Kobe itself is also very conveniently located at heart of the Kansai region, making trips to Kyoto, Osaka and Nara just a stone throw away. Studying at Kobe University means that I can make the most out of both the academic learning and cultural experiences which I have a keen interest in. Kobe is definitely an excellent city for student life and Kobe University is the place to be for an engaging and friendly learning experience. It is a pity that I am only able to be here for a year, and it will always be lovely to return to Kobe again.

## dormitory for International Student

On the foot of Rokko Mountain, this is the Kokui residence which is one of the dormitories for international students. Kobe University has six residences in total and they are located in different area in Kobe city. For more information, please visit following our web site!

<http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/documents/international/study-in-kobe/sik/2015studyinkobe.pdf#page=120>



You can make a lot of Japanese and international friends, and the view from the residence is breathtaking!

**Jashyun Song**  
from Republic of Korea  
Doctoral Student of Political Science,  
Graduate School of Law

## It's My Favorite!

**Masaki Hata**  
Doctoral Student  
Political Science  
Graduate School of Law

Kobe is surrounded by beautiful sea and mountains. There are also a lot of historical places like "Ijinkan", foreign residences.



## 7 Meriken Park

Meriken Park is one of the most popular dating spots in Kobe with a magical night view of illuminated buildings in Kobe Harborland across the water. You can enjoy a leisurely walk around Kobe Port Tower and the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial. The Kobe Maritime Museum features various exhibits, some of which are located outside the museum building, related to the shipping industry and the history of Kobe Port.



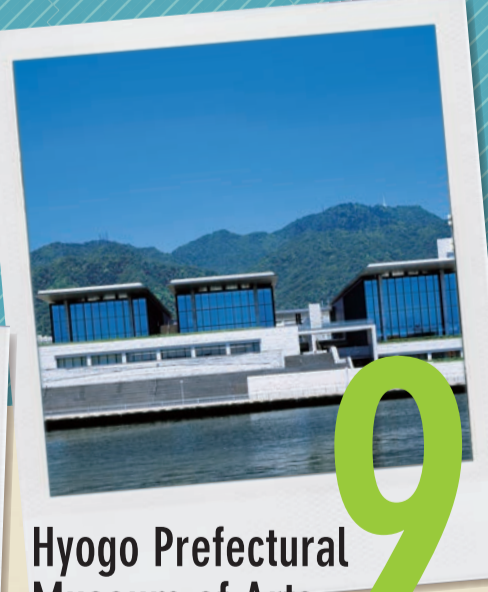
## 8 Sannomiya

As a hub of the Kobe transportation network: JR, Hanshin and Hankyu railways, Kobe municipal metro and Portliner, Sannomiya is the center of Kobe and has a lively downtown area packed with businesses and public buildings, department stores, and cultural facilities.



## 9 Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Arts

The Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Arts was designed by famous Japanese architect, Tadao Ando. The entire complex has many passages and is designed to be appreciated as a work of art in itself, along with the waterfront Nagisa Park. The museum has collected more than eight thousands works of great artists from home and abroad including Rodin, Degas, Gauguin, Ryusei Kishida and Sotaro Yasui.



## 10 Oji Zoo

The Oji Zoo, one of the three large zoos in the Kansai area, houses 793 animals from 137 species including many rare animals such as a giant panda, koala bears, an Amur tigers, and snow leopards. Inside the zoo there is an Animal Science Pavilion, a small amusement park, and a display of an actual D51 steam locomotive.



## 11 Sake Breweries

Many famous Sake breweries are dotted along the coast of the Hanshin region in the five old districts called Nade-Go-gou. Three of them (Nishi-go, Uozaki-go, Mikage-go) are located in eastern Kobe. With 600 years of tradition brewing Sake, the area offers many exhibition rooms and museums which display the history and the tools for producing Sake. Why not spend an enjoyable time strolling in the traditional buildings of Sake breweries?

