



Highlights to Explore!

Take this unique opportunity to visit small factories that are usually inaccessible, and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of craftsmanship and manufacturing!

Factory Tours

Experience the delicate craftsmanship of professionals up close with small factory tours. By hearing directly from the artisans, you can rediscover the fascinating world of manufacturing and creativity.

Workshops

Experience workshops showcasing artisanal techniques, specially prepared by each small factory. From children to adults, everyone can enjoy learning and engaging with these valuable skills in a fun and hands-on environment.

Local Food

This area offers a wide variety of cuisines, including okonomiyaki, yakiniku, Korean dishes, and Vietnamese food. Alongside exploring the factories, don't miss the chance to savor the delightful flavors of local cuisine.

Photo Exhibition

A photo exhibition showcasing the facilities of participating companies' factories will be held at the plaza in front of Shin-Nagata Station. Use this exhibition as a guide to decide which factories you'd like to visit.

Requests to All Visitors

○Some factories may have age restrictions (e.g., requiring adult supervision). Please confirm with the staff at each factory before entering.○Factories may contain hazardous areas with machinery. Wear comfortable clothing and follow staff instructions at all times.○Neither the organizers nor the participating companies will take responsibility for any accidents, incidents, injuries, illnesses (including infections), or loss of personal belongings during the event.○Please note that photos and videos may be taken for records or sharing on social media. If this concerns you, feel free to approach the staff.

Contact Information

☎ 0570-083-330 or 078-333-3330

Kobe City Inquiry Center (Open daily, 8:00–21:00)

Email Form



Event Details



KAIKOH KOBE KOBE OPEN FACTORY GUIDE BOOK

5.16 | Fri |

17 | Sat |

10:00–17:00

Admission free,
no application required
(in principle)

Explore,
Listen,
and Experience
the Kobe Open Factory



Manufacturing companies
in the Nagata Ward area and the plaza
in front of Shin-Nagata Station
(General Information Venue).

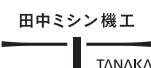
The event will be held across several locations within the area.

The nearest station is
Shin-Nagata Station on the
subway.

For transfers from the Sanyo Electric Railway, Itayado Station is convenient. We encourage visitors to use public transportation (Sanyo Electric Railway, city buses, or subway) to reach the venue.

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日本ケミカルシューズ工業組合



Organizers:

KOBE OPEN FACTORY Executive Committee

Sponsors:

Japan Chemical Shoes Industry Association | Kawano Co., Ltd.
Tanaka Kanesuke Shoten Co., Ltd. | Tanaka Sewing machine Co., Ltd.
Asahiya Glass Workshop Co., Ltd. | ICORI Co., Ltd.
ITOI PLASTICS Co., Ltd. | MMS Co., Ltd.
Oyama Ltd. | Kanagawa Embroidery Inc.
Kobe Yoko Co., Ltd. | Sanei Co., Ltd.
Mifuku Co., Ltd. | Nakatani Kakousyo Co., Ltd. (COLINKIKA)
Matsumoto Coffee Co., Ltd. | Marco Co., Ltd.
BABATA WOOD DESIGN | MAR_U

Collaborators:

Kobe Tourism Bureau | Sanyo Electric Railway

What is KAIKOH KOBE ?

“KAIKOH KOBE” is a region-wide open factory event launched in 2022, aimed at showcasing the charm and excellence of Kobe's craftsmanship and manufacturing industries to a wide audience. This event provides a unique opportunity for the public to visit the production sites of many manufacturing companies, which are typically not open to the public. Participants can gain an insider's perspective on how products are made, hear firsthand from the artisans about their creative process, and even participate in hands-on experiences in the workshops.

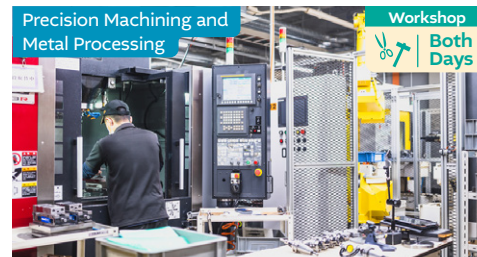
Now in its 4th year, this year's event features participation from 33 manufacturing companies, mainly located in the Nagata area. Visitors can enjoy factory tours, workshops, exhibitions, stamp collecting, and other content that highlight not only the factories but also the unique appeal of Kobe's old town areas.

Satellite Venue

01 IFUKU SEIMITSU Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00

Precision Machining and Metal Processing



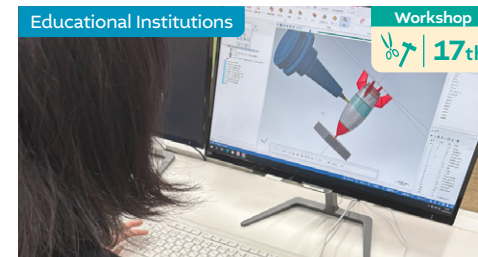
Known as the “Sanctuary for Metal Processing”, the company specializes in precision machining of metal and mold components using wire-cut electrical discharge machining (EDM), die-sinking EDM, and cutting tools. Their expertise spans various materials, producing precision parts and mold components for industries such as automotive, aerospace, and semiconductors.

Workshop

02 Kobe Advanced Institute of Technology

16th 17th 10:00-17:00

Educational Institutions



Kobe Advanced Institute of Technology is a public vocational skills development center dedicated to equipping individuals with the knowledge, techniques, and skills required for employment. The facility offers 6 specialized training courses and provides additional programs for employees. Some training courses are also outsourced to private organizations to enhance accessibility and quality.

Scheduled Tour

00 min. :Tour Duration

03 Sato Material Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00

RFID Tag Manufacturer and Distributor



Sato Material Co., Ltd. specializes in resin and rubber molding technology. They are committed to high-quality and high-value manufacturing, starting from the material level. By providing optimal products and services, they work to address customer needs and resolve challenges.

04 「KOBECOCO」 (Hattori Process Co., Ltd.)

16th 17th 10:00-17:00

Printing Services



The Hattori Process Group, a comprehensive printing manufacturer, publishes the monthly magazine “KOBECOCO.” With its 800th issue in sight, the magazine serves as a “guidepost” for a richer and more beautiful lifestyle in the Kobe and Hanshin areas, striving to deliver highly reliable information.

Exhibitors Map



Regarding the Use of Jumbo Taxis



The jumbo taxi, which can be taken from the satellite site (Shin-Nagata Ekimae Plaza), are provided as a support tool designed to ensure that individuals with limited mobility and families with young children can fully enjoy the KAIKOH KOBE event. KAIKOH KOBE is an event where participants stroll through the old town to experience the charm of craftsmanship and the local community. If you feel tired from walking, you can take a break at a local café in the old town areas or explore the factories and neighborhoods at your own pace by utilizing the city's subway Kaigan Line or municipal buses.

05 Kobe Yoko Co., Ltd.

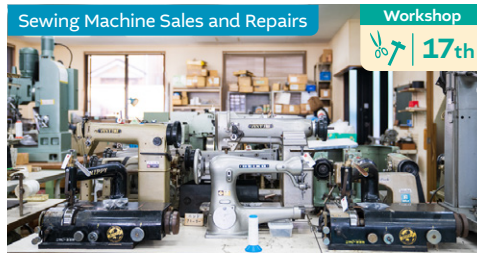
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Since its founding in 1948, the company has primarily focused on manufacturing marine engine components. It has supported Kobe's manufacturing industry through specialized welding techniques, such as gas welding of castings. The company continues to take on new challenges to make welding technology more accessible and to innovate in manufacturing.

06 Tanaka Sewing machine Co.,Ltd.

17th 10:00-17:00



Tanaka Sewing machine Co., Ltd. supports the local shoe-making industry by providing industrial sewing machines and leather-related equipment. They specialize in sales and maintenance services and have recently strengthened nationwide sales, from Hokkaido to Okinawa, by leveraging social media platforms.

07 Nishimura Kawauo Co., Ltd.

16th 17th Workshop only



Nishimura Kawauo Co., Ltd., an eel specialty shop with over 63 years of history, creates food products that enrich daily life using premium eel. The eels are sourced from Shibushi City in Kagoshima Prefecture, known for their tender texture and natural sweetness. To ensure freshness and quality, the company prepares and grills the eels on the same morning they are processed, delivering joy and satisfaction to customers.

08 Yanagitani Hōmuten

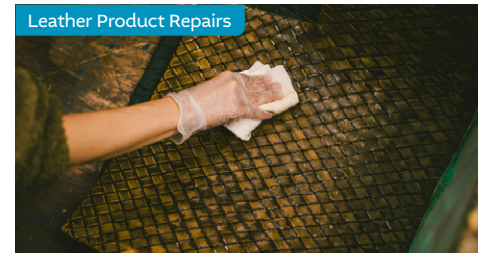
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Centered around the theme of "sewing," the company embraces the concept of solving community challenges through craftsmanship. They engage in a wide range of activities, including designing and selling original caps, upcycling old clothes and fabric products, and collaborating with local industries and workshops in Nagata.

09 Leather Research Institute, Kobe Branch

16th 17th 10:00-17:00



We specialize in reupholstering chairs and sofas for hospitals, restaurants, and private homes. Additionally, we restore leather goods with scratches or stains by using proprietary dyes to breathe new life into them. Repairs such as replacing bag handles or wallet zippers are also carried out using sewing machines.

10 Kawano Co., Ltd.

16th 17th ①10:30-/②13:30-/③15:30-



Kawano Co., Ltd. has been crafting women's shoes for over 100 years, selling them directly to customers with pride and passion. Dedicated to enhancing women's beauty and health, the company delivers high-quality Made-in-Japan footwear to the world, embodying excellence and tradition in every pair.

11 elfe Ltd.

16th ①10:00-/②14:00-

Scheduled Tour
60 min.



elfe Ltd. is a specialized leather shoe manufacturer driven by the philosophy of "bringing smiles to all customers." Utilizing the world's finest materials and machinery, we ensure that every step of production is carried out domestically, striving to create Japanese-made footwear that meets the highest global standards.

12 Marco Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00



Founded in 1979, Maruko Co., Ltd. has supported the shoe-making industry through the wholesale of synthetic leather, including vinyl leather. To meet customer needs, the company has continuously conducted research and development, focusing on functional materials such as antibacterial and deodorizing fabrics, moisture-absorbing and releasing materials, and odor-neutralizing solutions.

13 Sunknight Co., Ltd.

16th ①11:00-/②14:00-

Scheduled Tour
30 min.



Sunknight Co., Ltd., founded in 1948 as a rubber-soled shoe factory, has grown into a comprehensive women's footwear manufacturer, leveraging advanced technical expertise and innovative planning capabilities. Our accumulated manufacturing techniques, keen fashion sense, and agile production system are highly valued by many customers.

14 Oyama Ltd.

16th 13:00-17:00 17th 10:00-17:00



Oyama Ltd. specializes in the planning, development, manufacturing, and sales of shoe lasts in Nagata Ward. Our lasts are widely used by footwear manufacturers across Japan, custom shoe workshops, and shoe design schools for student projects. From Nagata, we deliver high-quality lasts to customers nationwide.

15 Mifuku Co., Ltd.

16th 10:00-17:00 (11:30-13:00 close)



For 40 years in Kobe, Mifuku Co., Ltd. has been committed to crafting high-quality "Made in Japan" footwear. Drawing on our extensive experience supporting numerous brands, we continue to take on the challenge of expanding into the global market, bringing Japanese craftsmanship to the world.

16 Marol Co., Ltd.

17th ①10:00-/②13:00-/③14:30-/④16:00-

Scheduled Tour
40 min.



Marol Co., Ltd. is a specialized marine equipment manufacturer that develops, designs, sells, and services deck machinery for large vessels such as cargo ships and tankers, as well as navigation systems for smaller vessels including pleasure boats and fishing boats. Handling everything in-house ensures quality and reliability in every product.

17 ICORI Co., Ltd.(KOBÉ ZAC / IMOCK)

16th 17th 10:00-17:00



Founded in 1971, Kobe ZAC (IMOCK) has been crafting original backpack designs for nearly half a century. Today, a new generation of creators continues the tradition, preserving craftsmanship and technique while overseeing the entire production process-from pattern-making to sewing.

18 Asahiya Glass Workshop Co., Ltd.

17th 10:00-17:00



Asahiya Glass Workshop Co., Ltd. , founded 98 years ago in Nagata, is dedicated to upcycling vintage patterned glass from the Showa era, which is no longer in production. As pioneers in rediscovering the charm of Showa glass in Japan, we continue to innovate ways to reintroduce it into modern living, sharing our efforts from Nagata to the rest of the country.

19 MARUMI Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 13:00-16:00



MARUMI Co., Ltd. specializes in crafting cutting dies that play a vital role across various manufacturing fields. We provide essential tools for artists, creators, and businesses alike, helping bring their designs and products to life with precision and reliability.

20 MMS Co., Ltd. (Kobe Laser Factory)

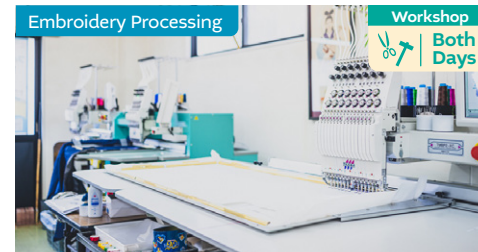
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MMS Co., Ltd. (Kobe Laser Factory) specializes in laser processing, creating innovative and unique designs. Though a small workshop, we are packed with expertise and creativity. We proudly consider ourselves Japan's best in laser engraving from photo data and are always ready to take on custom requests-if you can imagine it, we'll find a way to make it happen!

21 Kanagawa Embroidery Inc.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00



Founded in 1933, Kanagawa Embroidery Inc. is dedicated to preserving tradition while embracing innovation. As a long-established embroidery specialist, we offer custom embroidery services, from patches to personalized name designs, even for single-item orders. With unwavering expertise, we deliver top-quality craftsmanship that stands the test of time.

22 Matsumoto Coffee Co., Ltd.

17th 10:00-15:00



Matsumoto Coffee Co., Ltd. was founded in 1993 in Hyogo Ward and is dedicated to delivering carefully selected specialty coffee from producers around the world. From Hyogo to the rest of Japan, we provide the perfect coffee tailored to the needs of specialty coffee shops and individual consumers alike.

23 F:machine Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00



F:machine Co., Ltd. specializes in woodworking machinery, guided by the motto: "Listen to what is needed and continue to strive forward." We carefully consider the unique qualities of each machine, providing dedicated sales and repair services. Additionally, we develop and sell original products to meet diverse industry needs.

24 Tominari Industrial Works

16th 10:00-17:00



Since its founding, Tominari Industrial Works has utilized advanced welding techniques to craft products from steel plates and structural materials. In recent years, we have expanded our expertise to include the production of high-quality steel furniture and fixtures, as well as the development and processing of cutting boards using our proprietary coatings.

25 ITOI PLASTICS Co.,Ltd.

16th 10:00-17:00 17th 10:00-13:00



ITOI PLASTICS Co., Ltd. leverages advanced plastic machining technology to specialize in small-lot production for automotive, semiconductor, and robotics applications. Even with difficult-to-machine materials and complex geometries, we meet our customers' needs using five-axis machining centers, CNC lathes, and precision milling techniques.

26 Tanaka Kanesuke Shoten Co., Ltd.

16th 17th 10:00-17:00 (12:00-13:00 close)



Tanaka Kanesuke Shoten Co., Ltd. takes pride in "supporting your every step" by manufacturing shanks, an essential yet unseen component inside shoes. Though hidden, these parts play a crucial role in footwear stability and durability. Visit our factory and experience the depth of craftsmanship that goes into every shoe!

27 Kobe Wood Market Association

17th 10:00-17:00



Kobe Wood Market Association operates a timber marketplace and provides precision wood processing services, aiming to contribute to the local community and build a better society. Guided by the theme of "coexistence between people and nature," we actively promote the use of timber in architectural applications, fostering sustainable practices.

28 CHIYODA SEIKI Co., Ltd.

17th 10:00-17:00



CHIYODA SEIKI began operations in 1946 as a gas burner repair workshop. Today, CHIYODA SEIKI manufactures products used in juice and beer factories, as well as in theme park attractions, with exports to more than a dozen countries worldwide.

*Some workshops require advance reservation or give priority to those with reservations. For details, please check our website.

29 Sanei Co., Ltd.

16th ①10:30-/②13:30-/③15:30-

Scheduled Tour
30 min.

Wood Processing and Sales



Located along the Hyogo Canal, next to the Nordic vintage furniture store & café "Kita no Iru to," our sawmill was once a timber storage site. In recent years, we have been actively promoting the effective utilization of Kobe-sourced timber, including materials from Mount Rokko, street trees, and park wood.

30 KNOCKS BESPOKE

16th 17th 10:00-17:00

Footwear Manufacturing



KNOCKS BESPOKE is a fully custom shoe atelier, where the crafting process begins with precise foot measurements and the shaping of wooden lasts. Each shoe and boot is meticulously handmade to match the preferences of our customers. Feel free to consult us for foot-related concerns or shoe repairs—we are here to support your perfect fit.

31 MAR_U

16th 17th 10:00-16:00

Woodworking Furniture Manufacturing



A creative team dedicated to the full-cycle process of transforming timber harvested from Mount Rokko—from milling to final product development. By utilizing local timber as a resource and working with regional factories and skilled professionals, we aim to foster a new cycle of sustainable material use within the community.

32 Nakatani Kakousyo Co., Ltd.

「COLINKIIKA」

17th Workshop only

Footwear Manufacturing



Workshop
By Reservation
Only
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Building on over 35 years of expertise, we have developed the factory brand COLINKIIKA, where craftsmanship and cutting-edge robotic technology seamlessly merge to enable a fully integrated in-house production system. Through our footwear, we bring joy and vibrancy to everyday life.

33 BABATA WOOD DESIGN

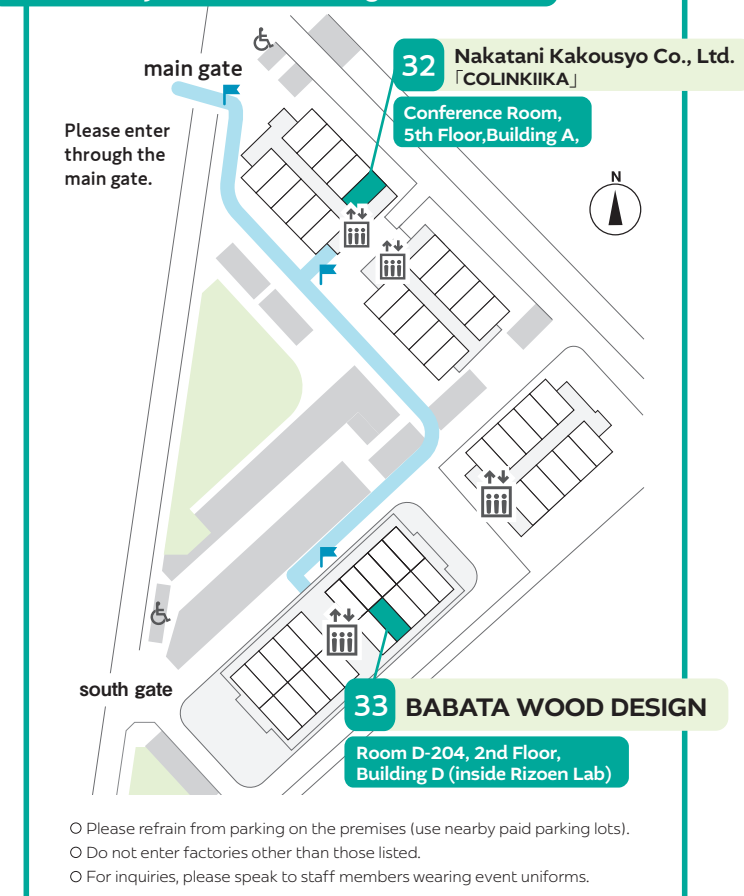
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Woodwork Design



We specialize in crafting furniture using solid wood, developing unique products, and hosting woodworking workshops. Our goal is to create pieces that seamlessly integrate into everyday life. Feel free to reach out for any concerns regarding furniture or spatial design—we're here to help.

Kobe City Manufacturing Factories



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KOBE OPEN FACTORY Stamp Collecting

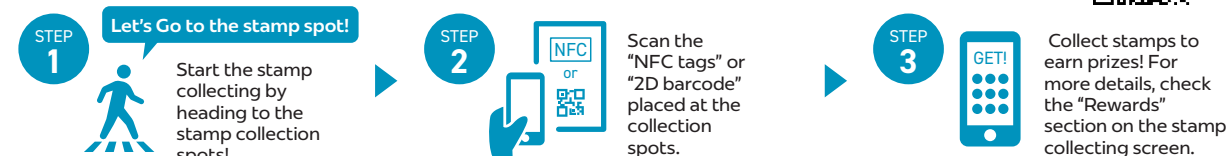
Each participating company and satellite venue is a stamp collection spot! Gather stamps and win fantastic prizes!

How to Participate

This stamp collecting event is part of KAIKOH KOBE KOBE OPEN FACTORY and involves visiting participating companies to collect stamps. There are a total of 32 locations, including factories and satellite venues, where stamps can be collected. Participants can obtain digital stamps by scanning the NFC tags* or 2D barcode placed at each spot using their smartphones. This is a browser-based stamp rally, so no app installation is required.

*NFC tags were created with the cooperation of Sato Material Co., Ltd., one of the participating companies.

Let's start
by displaying
the map!



About the Prizes

Collect 6 or more stamps to enter a raffle for fantastic prizes.
The raffle and prize exchange location is General Information Venue (satellite venue).
For application details, please check the "Rewards" section on the stamp rally screen.

Precautions

1. When Scanning NFC Tags

Only NFC-compatible smartphones can be used.

NFC stands for Near Field Communication, a short-range wireless communication technology jointly developed by Sony and NXP Semiconductors (formerly Philips Semiconductors). It has been approved as an international standard and enables data transfer by simply holding a smartphone a few centimeters from the NFC tag, allowing stamps to be collected.

2. When Scanning 2D barcode *Please follow the instructions below based on your device:

For iPhone users

Use **Safari** and the standard camera function to scan the code.

Note: Avoid using external 2D barcode reader apps or widgets, as stamps may not be retained.

For Android users

Use **Chrome** and your preferred 2D barcode app to scan the code.

3. While Participating in Stamp Collecting

- This stamp collecting is conducted through a web browser.
- To prevent the loss of collected stamps, please avoid clearing your cache or cookies during participation. Additionally, refrain from using private mode while engaging in the stamp collecting.

Includes local food info, too! Use it as your digital guide for factory tours and exploring the local old town area.



1. Select your destination.



2. Choose "Route Search"



3. Directions from your current location to your destination will be displayed.

If you have any questions about stamp collecting, please inquire at General Information Venue (satellite venue).