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29th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology

ICCN2010

Organized by
International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN)
Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (JSCN)
Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Congress Information

Dates: October 28th (Thurs.) – November 1st (Mon.), 2010
Venues: Kobe International Conference Center and Kobe Portopia Hotel, Kobe, Japan

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Official Travel Agent: JTB Western Japan, Corp.

Registration and Abstract Submission

Online: http://www.iccn2010kobe.com/

Important Dates

October 15, 2009 Abstract Submission Open
January 14, 2010 Abstract Submission Deadline

Language
Language of the Congress is English.

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I. GREETINGS

On behalf of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN) and the Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (JSCN), it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 29th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN2010) which will take place in Kobe on October 28 through November 1, 2010. The IFCN was founded in 1949 and now consists of 61 Societies from 57 countries. IFCN organizes the International Congress every 4 years in collaboration with the local Society of the hosting country. It is especially noteworthy that the Science Council of Japan, a special organization under the Japanese Cabinet, has agreed to co-organize this meeting with some financial support. The Japanese Society has hosted the ICCN twice in the past; first in 1981 and then in 1995, both in Kyoto, and on this occasion we have chosen Kobe mainly due to the financial advantages it offers.

In view of the rapidly advancing field of clinical neurophysiology, the Congress will cover the state-of-art conventional diagnostic techniques including EEG and evoked potentials, as well as EMG and nerve conduction studies. It will also address topics of the most advanced scientific interest including neuronal plasticity, the application of neuroimaging techniques, and the therapeutic application of various neurophysiological techniques. The JSCN has 2,500 members and will hold its own domestic meeting at the same venue immediately following the ICCN. This will allow all participants access to the scientific activities of the Japanese Society. In addition to offering special registration fees for student participants, the IFCN will award fellowships to a significant number of selected presenting researchers.

The Congress venue, Kobe International Conference Center and Portopia Hotel, has convenient access from nearby airports and train stations. Top-grade hotels are located within easy access of the Congress venue, with very reasonable rates. Popular sightseeing areas such as Kyoto and Nara are also within easy reach, allowing full-day tours to each city. Japan is well-known for being a very safe country to visit, and Kobe is one of the safest cities in the country. As we are all aware, the world is currently suffering from a financial crisis and this might influence the management of this meeting to some extent. Nevertheless, we are hoping to cope with this situation and we will appreciate your kind cooperation and patience. We look forward to welcoming you all to Kobe in October 2010.

Hiroshi Shibasaki, MD, PhD
President, IFCN
Convener, 29-ICCN2010 (Kobe)
## II. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

### Convener
- Hiroshi Shibasaki (Kyoto)

### Honorary Presidents
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- Carl Lucking (Freiburg)
- Teruo Okuma (Tokyo)

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- Ryuji Kaji (Tokushima)

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#### Officers from IFCN
- Hiroshi Shibasaki (President)
- Reinhard Dengler (Secretary)
- David Burke (Editor-in-Chief)
- Francois Mauguière (Past President)
- Andrew Eisen (Treasurer)

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- Marc Nuwer (Los Angeles)
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### Convener
- Hiroshi Shibasaki (Kyoto)

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### Treasurer
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### Scientific Program Chair
- Ryusuke Kakigi (Okazaki)

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- Koichi Hirata (Utsunomiya)
- Yoji Ishiyama (Hachioji)
- Yoichi Katayama (Tokyo)
- Toshihiko Kinoshita (Moriguchi)
- Nobuo Kohara (Kobe)
- Masayuki Baba (Aomori)
- Isao Hashimoto (Tokyo)
- Akio Ikeda (Kyoto)
- Makiko Kaga (Kodaira)
- Akio Kimura (Izu)
- Yoshihiko Koga (Mitsuka)
- Yoshiyuki Kuroiwa (Yokohama)
- Takashi Nagamine (Sapporo)
- Kenji Nakashima (Yonago)
- Ken-ichi Shinomiya (Tokyo)
- Toshikazu Tani (Nankoku)
- Sadatoshi Tsuji (Kitakyushu)
- Shuhei Yamaguchi (Izumo)
III. CONGRESS PROGRAM OUTLINE

Day by Day Schedule (Tentative)

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Nb. Around the ICCN Congress dates, additional events include a Joint Seminar with SFEMG / QEMG (Training Courses) and the JSCN40 domestic conference.

IV. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

(1) Formats
Named Lectures, Special Lectures, Symposia, Workshops and Hands-on-workshops, Posters etc.

(2) Main Themes
1. Advance and clinical application of electroencephalography (EEG), electromyography (EMG), and nerve conduction studies.
2. Evoked potentials and event-related potentials.
3. Advance and clinical application of magnetoencephalography (MEG).
4. Diagnosis and treatment of neurological disorders by transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS).
5. Basic and clinical aspects of intra-operative monitoring.
6. Diagnosis and treatment of movement disorders by deep brain recording and stimulation.
7. Physiological evaluation and clinical aspect of ocular movement.
8. Treatment of neurological disorders by botulinum injection.
(3) Abstract Topics

**Diseases / Disorders**
- 1. AIDS and neuroinfections
- 2. Ataxia and dysequilibrium
- 3. Behavior diseases and psychiatric disorders
  - A) AD/HD
  - B) Pervasive developmental disorders (Autism etc)
  - C) Mood disorders and Others
  - D) Schizophrenia
- 4. Cerebrovascular diseases
- 5. Dementia
  - A) Basic studies
  - B) Clinical studies
- 6. Epilepsy
  - A) Basic studies
  - B) Clinical studies
- 7. Genetics
- 8. Movement disorders
- 9. Multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating diseases
- 10. Muscle diseases
- 11. Neurodegenerative diseases
- 12. Neurodevelopmental diseases
- 13. Neuromuscular junction disorders
- 14. Neuroophthalmology and neurootology
- 15. Neurosurgical diseases
- 16. Orthopedic diseases
- 17. Pediatric diseases
- 18. Peripheral neuropathy
- 19. Sleep disorders
  - A) Basic studies
  - B) Clinical studies
- 20. Miscellaneous

**Neurophysiology**
- 21. Aging
- 22. Auditory function
- 23. Autonomic system
- 24. Bioelectric activity generators
- 25. EEG
  - A) Conventional and quantitative EEG
  - B) Frequency analysis and ERD/ERS
- 26. EMG
  - A) Conventional and quantitative EMG
  - B) Single fiber EMG
- 27. Evoked potentials
  - A) AEP and BAEP
  - B) High frequency oscillation (HFO)
  - C) Mismatch negativity
  - D) Movement related cortical potential
  - E) Pain
  - F) P300
  - G) SEP
  - H) VEP
  - I) Others
- 28. Language
- 29. Magnetoencephalography
  - A) Basic studies
  - B) Clinical studies
- 30. Microneurography
- 31. Nerve conduction studies
- 32. Neuroimaging
  - A) fMRI
  - B) NIRS
  - C) PET and SPECT
  - D) Multimodal neuroimaging
- 33. Neuromonitoring
- 34. Neuroplasticity
- 35. Pharmaco-neurophysiology
- 36. Polysomnography
- 37. Rehabilitation
- 38. TMS
  - A) Basic studies
  - B) Clinical studies
  - C) Therapy using TMS
  - D) Repetitive TMS
- 39. Visual function
- 40. Miscellaneous
V. CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Submission & Congress Registration

Participants wishing to make scientific contributions to ICCN2010 are invited to submit abstracts (maximum of two abstracts by one person) for poster presentations via the Congress website by January 14, 2010.

Participants wishing to make scientific contributions are encouraged to register for ICCN2010 at the time of, or prior to, submitting their abstract. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed and accepted even if registration payment has not been received. However, final inclusion in the program will be dependent on registration confirmation (in order to meet printer deadlines etc.). Registration information can be found below.

Important Dates

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How to Submit Abstracts:

Instructions explaining how to prepare and submit abstracts are available on the website. Please read these instructions carefully, and compose your abstract (English only) accordingly.

Abstracts should be written based on the style of CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY. They should not exceed 300 words. Abstracts should adhere to the following format: Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Nb. abstracts by speakers of named lectures, special lectures and symposium/workshop speakers are also limited to 300 words but need not follow the above style.

Online Submission via Congress website at:
http://www.iccn2010kobe.com/

Should you have any difficulty in submitting your abstract online please contact the Registration Secretariat:
office@iccn2010kobe.com

Notification of Abstract Acceptance

All abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and authors will be promptly notified about acceptance.
IFCN Fellowships

The IFCN is offering a number of fellowships. These are available to members of IFCN National Societies, members of ICNS, and only those who have abstracts accepted for the Congress. Recipients will be awarded a scale of financial awards (depending on country of residence).

The fellowships are offered to assist those who are in training and applicants should not be more than 40 years of age at the time the Congress starts.* To apply for a fellowship, you should write to the President of your Society.

If your country does not have a National Society please apply to the drcibils@montevideo.com.uy. The deadline date to apply for fellowships is the end of May. Recipients will be awarded their fellowships in Kobe.

* The candidates must be born on or before October 29, 1970.

Young Investigator Award & Proposed Workshops

(1) Young Investigator Award (YIA)

More than ten YIAs will be provided to poster presenters under the age of 40*. Selection will be made by the Scientific Program Committee based on abstracts and poster presentations.

* The candidates must be born on or before October 29, 1970.

Candidates should clearly indicate that they are applying for the YIA when sending their abstracts and provide evidence of their age by sending a fax copy of their passport (or similar) to the Secretariat.

(2) Proposed Workshops

1 Several workshops will be selected and included in the Program.
2 Proposals may be suggested by participants.
3 Each workshop will last 75 minutes, featuring 3 or 4 speakers proposed by the organizer.
4 Each proposal application should include the following information:
   (1) Proposed title of the workshop
   (2) Organizer’s name, institution address and email address
   (3) 3 or 4 speakers: their names, institution address, email address and tentative presentation titles.
       (The organizer can be one of the speakers).
   (4) Aim, focus and significance of the workshop in 500 words or less.
5 Deadline for submitting proposals is November 15, 2009.
6 The evaluation and final selection of the applications will be made by the Program Committee.
7 Notification of acceptance will be made by the end of 2009.
8 Workshops must not overlap with symposia or workshops already-determined.
9 The registration fees will be waved for successful candidates and 1,000 USD will be paid to the workshop organizer.
VI. REGISTRATION

Closing date for Early Registration (Pre-Registration): March 31, 2010

Registration Fees (Payable in Japanese Yen only)

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*Local sales tax is included in the above fees.

Delegates
* The Registration Fees for Delegates include access to the full Scientific Program, the Welcome Reception and the Farewell Party, as well as a copy of the "Clinical Neurophysiology" Abstracts Book, a book “History of IFCN”, Certification of Attendance, morning / afternoon teas, coffees and Lunches (Oct. 29 - Nov.1).

Students / Trainees
* ‘Students / Trainees’ refers to individuals in training grades in Clinical Neurophysiology as doctors or technologists, and in academic neurophysiology, and who do not have permanent positions.

* The Registration Fees for Students / Trainees include all of the above except for a copy of the “Clinical Neurophysiology” (Abstracts Book).

* All students/trainees must provide their ID as proof of their status.
(When registering online, a copy of the ID must be sent via facsimile or e-mail.)

Accompanying Persons
* Registration Fees for Accompanying Persons include the Accompanying Person’s program and the Welcome Reception and the Farewell Party.

* ‘Accompanying Persons’ refers to: spouses, family members and non-professional friends. Accompanying Persons may not participate in the Scientific Program.
How to Register

On-line registration is preferred. Please register using the website URL below.

An On-Site Registration Desk will be in operation at the Congress venue. However, to avoid congestion we strongly recommend that participants take advantage of the advance registration process.

Online Submission: via the Congress web page at

http://www.iccn2010kobe.com/

Payment

Payment will be accepted by credit card only in Japanese Yen (JPY).
Participants are required to provide their credit cards details in the specified area on the Registration Form. If you post or fax your Registration Form please include a photocopy of your credit card.

Accepted Cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, JCB

Confirmation Email

On-line registration is preferred. Those who register online will receive an automatically generated email confirming their Registration.
A printout of this Email Confirmation must be presented at the Registration Desk on arrival at the Congress, to complete registration.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

To cancel a registration, the Secretariat must be notified in writing.
An administrative charge of JPY10,000 will apply to all cancellations made before September 30, 2010. No refunds will be made on cancellations made after this date.

Substitution of a registered delegate is permitted at any time.

Refunds will be processed following the Congress, by the end of November, 2010.

Certificates of Attendance

An official certificate of attendance will be provided to all registered Delegates and Students / Trainees. This will indicate the number of congress days and only limited details.
It will be the responsibility of the individual wishing to receive Continuing Professional Development points (CPD accreditation) to check with his or her local authority to determine whether ICCN attendance will be eligible for course points and, if so, how many points per day.
JTB Corp., the official travel agent for ICCN2010, is delighted to offer the following choice of hotels at special prices for Congress delegates and looks forward to serving you. The detailed information will appear on the ICCN website in due course. There are a number of hotels with reasonable rate near the Congress venue.

**List of Hotels**

Rates are **per person** including tax & services. (not including breakfast)

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* Extra charge of 30th, Oct and 2nd, Nov in Crowne Plaza Kobe and Hotel Okura Kobe will be necessary. Please see conference web site for details.

**How to Make Reservation**

Hotel rooms may be booked online through the congress website. Payment is due on reservation.

**Closing Date for Applications**

September 30, 2010
Cancellation Charges
If you cancel or change your reservation, please send notice by fax or email as soon as possible.
In the event of cancellation, JTB will refund the payment balance after deducting a cancellation fee as follows.

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Contact Address
For inquiries and information about accommodation, please contact:

JTB Corp. Event & Convention Sales Dept.
Western Japan Regional Headquarters
Contacts: “ICCN2010”

JTB Bldg. (3F), 2-1-25, Kyutaro-Machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, 541-0056 Japan
TEL: +81-6-6260-5076
FAX: +81-6-6263-0717
E-mail: westec_op5@jtb.jp
Office hours: 09:30 - 17:30 (weekdays only)

Moderate-rate Hotels
For inquiries and information about the below hotels, please contact the hotels directly.

-Union Hotel, Kobe [http://www.unionhotel.jp](http://www.unionhotel.jp) (Reservation page in English)
  Phone: +81-78-242-3000
  Fax: +81-242-0220

-Hotel 1-2-3, Kobe [http://www.hotel123.co.jp/](http://www.hotel123.co.jp/) (Japanese site)
  Phone: +81-78-272-5000
  Fax: +81-78-272-5050

  Phone: +81-78-303-5555
  Fax: +81-78-303-5560

-Kobe Luminous Hotel [http://www.luminous-hotels.co.jp/kobe/](http://www.luminous-hotels.co.jp/kobe/) (Japanese site)
  Phone: +81-78-511-7700
  Fax: +81-78-511-7705
  E-mail: kfront@luminous-hotels.co.jp

  Phone: +81-78-341-8111
  Fax: +81-78-371-5577
VIII. SOCIAL PROGRAM

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will take place in the early evening of October 28 at the Congress venue. Words of welcome will be made by the ICCN Convener as well as speeches by other Congress officials and dignitaries. There will be some performances for welcoming you.

Welcome Reception

An informal Welcome Reception will be held following the opening ceremony in the Congress venue to allow delegates to get together and socialize prior to the first day of the scientific program. The reception will be a chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones, as well as to enjoy the delights of Japanese hospitality.

Date: October 28 (Thurs.)
Fee: Included in the Registration Fee

Gala Dinner

A fabulous dinner will be held at Portopia Hotel in the Grand Banquet Room "Ohwada" in the Congress venue.

Date: October 31 (Sun.)
Style: Smart casual
Fee: JPY 10,000 - 12,000 (per person) * see registration fee chart for details

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony will take place in the early evening of November 1 at the Congress venue. There will also be presentations of several scientific awards.

IX. ACCOMPANYING PERSONS’ PROGRAM

There will be a program of activities for accompanying persons and it will include sightseeing. There will be a friendship corner at the Congress venue where you can meet friends and enjoy Japanese culture by actually participating in the flower arrangement, "cha-no-yu" and calligraphy. Details will be available on the web site in due course.
X. OPTIONAL TOURS

A variety of attractive tour programs will be available for the participants and accompanying persons during the ICCN 2010: Kobe half-day tour, Kobe dinner cruise tour, Kyoto 1-day tour, etc. We are also planning to have a post-conference tour for those who would like to fully explore the Japanese ancient capital, Kyoto. For more information and on-line applications, please visit ICCN2010 website after January 2010.

Kobe

Kobe Night View

Sake Brewery

Kyoto

Golden Pavilion

Kiyomizu Temple

Heian Shrine
XI. GENERAL INFORMATION

About Kobe City

Kobe is one of Japan’s oldest port and international trading cities. Nestled between sea and mountain it enjoys gentle breezes from the Seto Inland Sea while pure waters flow down from Nunobiki Waterfalls and the Mt. Rokko behind. As such, this historical, yet ultra-modern, city is surrounded by lush greenery and natural splendor. The bounty of this is apparent in Kobe’s traditional sake, local wines, and world-renowned ‘Kobe Beef’.

In the mountains there are outdoor facilities, herb gardens and hiking routes - all just a cable-car ride away - and the night views are spectacular. Bay cruises offer pleasant alternatives to dining downtown and another way to enjoy night-time city lights.

Japanese travelers visit Kobe to enjoy, in particular, the wide range of downtown epicurean delights (Kobe is known for its confectionary and China Town food alleys) as well as fashion boutiques, arcades and shopping emporia. International visitors also enjoy the amazing architectural structures, such as the Akashi Bridge, and the old-town atmosphere of the Arima spa resort nestled in the mountains.

Being located almost in the center in Japan, Kobe has nearly all the must-see World Heritage sights and cities within easy reach. Less than an hour away, to the west, is Hiroshima Peace Park and, on the way, you can visit magnificent Himeji Castle or the canals of Kurashiki. Day trips eastwards to Kyoto (25 minutes) and Nara are home to Japan’s most representative temples and shrines. For thrill-seekers, the world-class theme park at Universal Studios Japan is just 30 minutes away while, downtown, art galleries can offer a more relaxed experience. Kobe has something for all – the outdoor sporting type, the shopper, the food aficionado, the historian and culture-seeker.

For general information on Japan and Kobe, please visit:
- The JNTO (Japan National Tourism Organization) website at:
  http://www.jnto.go.jp/
- The Kobe Convention & Visitors Association website:
  http://www.feel-kobe.jp/english/

Climate and Clothing

The weather in Japan during the Congress period, late October, is usually warm during the day and cool at night. The average October temperature in Kobe is 19.5 deg. Celsius (67.1 deg. F), although there is about 4 degrees difference between Kobe’s downtown (sea level) and the heights of Mt. Rokko. Lightweight jackets and sweaters will be comfortable for this season. All of the city’s hotels and facilities, including the Congress venues, are fully air-conditioned.

Shopping

A variety of shopping opportunities can be found in Kobe. Kobe’s historic shopping area, known as Moto-machi, extends west for 2 km from JR Moto-machi Station. Much of the district is under a covered arcade, which starts opposite the Daimaru department store and runs just north of Nankin-machi (China Town). Moto-machi is more of a functional shopping area, selling housewares (including antiques), imported foods, and electronics, with restaurants scattered between.
Currency Exchange

It is recommended that participants purchase Japanese yen traveler’s checks prior to leaving their own countries. Exchange of major currencies is available at most banks, airports and large hotels.

Electricity

Although 100 volts is the standard power supply throughout Japan, there is a small regional difference relating to cycles (Kobe and Western Japan = 60Hz, Tokyo and Eastern Japan = 50Hz). Most hotels are equipped with 110v outlets, and you may require an adapter for the ungrounded (2-pin) North American outlets.

Internet

Many hotels in Kobe provide complimentary high-speed internet access. Wireless connectivity is available on most levels of the International Conference Center.

Passports and Visas

A valid passport is required for entry into Japan. The Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your home country will be able to provide specific details about any entry visa requirements and applications. Depending on the country, visa applications can take up to three to four months to be processed. It is therefore recommended that participants contact their local Japanese Consular Offices to determine whether or not a visa is required, as soon as possible. Should a visa be needed, participants should contact the Registration Secretariat well in advance. Please note that the Registration Secretariat cannot prepare visa documents without advance notification and without confirmation of registration and payment.

For information on obtaining a visa for Japan:

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

Letters of Invitation

Depending on their country of citizenship, some participants may require an official letter of invitation to the congress to support their applications for an entry visa to Japan. Participants may also require a letter to assist in a local grant application. Please note that a letter of invitation does not imply a commitment on the part of the organizers to the payment of any expenses on behalf of the participant.

In order to receive a letter of invitation and other documents necessary for your application, you must first register for the Congress as a participant and pay the required Registration fees in full, and submit the attached Visa Information Form to the Secretariat at the address above. Please note that participant registration and the Visa Information Form, completed in full, are essential in the preparation of required visa materials.
Insurance

Registration fees do not include the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, cancellations (by any party), theft, loss or damage to personal possessions. Participants are advised to take out adequate personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

Transportation

Kobe is easily accessible by road, rail and air. Most delegates will likely stay in hotels next to the Congress venues (center of Port Island) or in downtown Kobe (called Sannomiya). Port Island and downtown Kobe are about 10-15 minutes away by road or monorail.

Kansai International Airport (KIX) is likely to be the main port of entry for most international delegates. From KIX airport, delegates can take one of the frequent Airport Limousine Buses directly to downtown Kobe (Sannomiya). This is a fast coastal road and takes 70 minutes. Alternatively, a bay shuttle ferry (every 50 minutes) provides a transfer in approx. 30 minutes to a docking harbor about 10 minutes away from the Port Island.

There are various options for traveling down to Kobe from Tokyo if delegates arrive at Narita International Airport.

These include:
- Shinkansen (bullet) train from Tokyo Station (approx. 2 hours 50 minutes)
- Domestic flight (80 minutes) from Tokyo Haneda to Kobe Airport (close to Port Island)
- Domestic flight (70 minutes) from Narita (or Haneda) to Osaka Itami Airport

(See ‘Access Map to Kobe’ for more details).
XII. ACCESS MAP TO KOBE

- **Shimin Hiroba Stn.**
- **Kobe Airport Stn.**
- **Shimin Hiroba Stn.**
- **Kobe Airport**
- **Bay Shuttle** 29min.
- **Kobe Airpot**
- **Kobe Airport**
- **Kobe International Conference Center**
- **Portopia Hotel**
- **Portopia Hall**

**Access Methods:**
- **Taxi:** 10min.
- **Port Liner:** 8min.
- **Subway:** 2min.
- **Limousine Bus:**
  - **70min.**
  - **45min.**
  - **60min.**
  - **70min.**
  - **45min.**
  - **80min.**
- **Airline:**
  - **70min.**
  - **75min.**
  - **80min.**
  - **70min.**
- **Shinkansen (Bullet Train):**
  - **15min.**
  - **38min.**
  - **100min.**

**Key Landmarks:**
- **Japan**
- **Kobe**
- **Kyoto**
- **Fukuoka**
- **Osaka**
- **Nara**
- **Tokyo**
- **Nagoya**

**Major Stations:**
- **JR Shin-Kobe Stn.**
- **Shin-Osaka Stn.**
- **Kyoto Stn.**
- **Sannomiya Stn.**
- **Umeda Stn.**
- **Hankyu Line**
- **Port Liner**
- **10min.**
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**International Airports:**
- **Kansai International Airport**
- **Itami International Airport**
- **Kobe Airport**
- **Narita New Tokyo International Airport**
- **Haneda Tokyo International Airport**
- **Nagoya Centmor Japan International Airport**

**Regional Lines:**
- **JR Tokaido Line**
- **Sanyo Shinkansen Line**
- **Shinkansen (Bullet Train)**
- **Limousine Bus**
- **Airline**
- **Bay Shuttle** 29min.
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