

Section 2 City Center Restoration Plan

1. Viewpoint of Regional Restoration

- ① Recovery of the City Center Functions
Kobe City is the center of an international city, where people, goods and information are interchanged. We will focus on the recovery of urban functions such as commerce, business and culture. In addition, we will create a safe city center that will serve as the base for human interchange.
- ② Utilization of the Sea and Port
We will promote city center waterfront development and strengthen the function of the harbor as an international hub port. We will also create a "port" where citizens can foster close communications. We will develop a base to prevent disasters and create a safe city making the best use of the sea and port.
- ③ Restoration and Creation of a Living Space that Enhances the Attractiveness of the City Center
We will improve the residential environment, and make the most use of its attractiveness as the city center. This will be an attractive living space with both the functions of a residential area and a city center. We aim to create an urban type of community where workers, visitors, foreigners and others can associate with each other.

City Center Restoration Project ①

"Creation of an Attractive Central Area of Downtown"

We will make comprehensive and integrated improvements in the central area of downtown, for example, by forming a network of passageways around the station for pedestrians that will consist of three passageways: underground, ground level, and overpasses. Our aim is to create a comfortable and relaxing city center.

City Center Restoration Project ⑥

"Historic District Restoration Program"

Making the best use of the characteristics of historical districts such as the Old Foreign Settlement, Kitano, Yamamoto, Nankin-Machi (Chinatown), Motomachi and Sakaemachi areas, we will cooperate and work together to create a truly attractive city.

City Center Restoration Project ②

"City Center Waterfront Development"

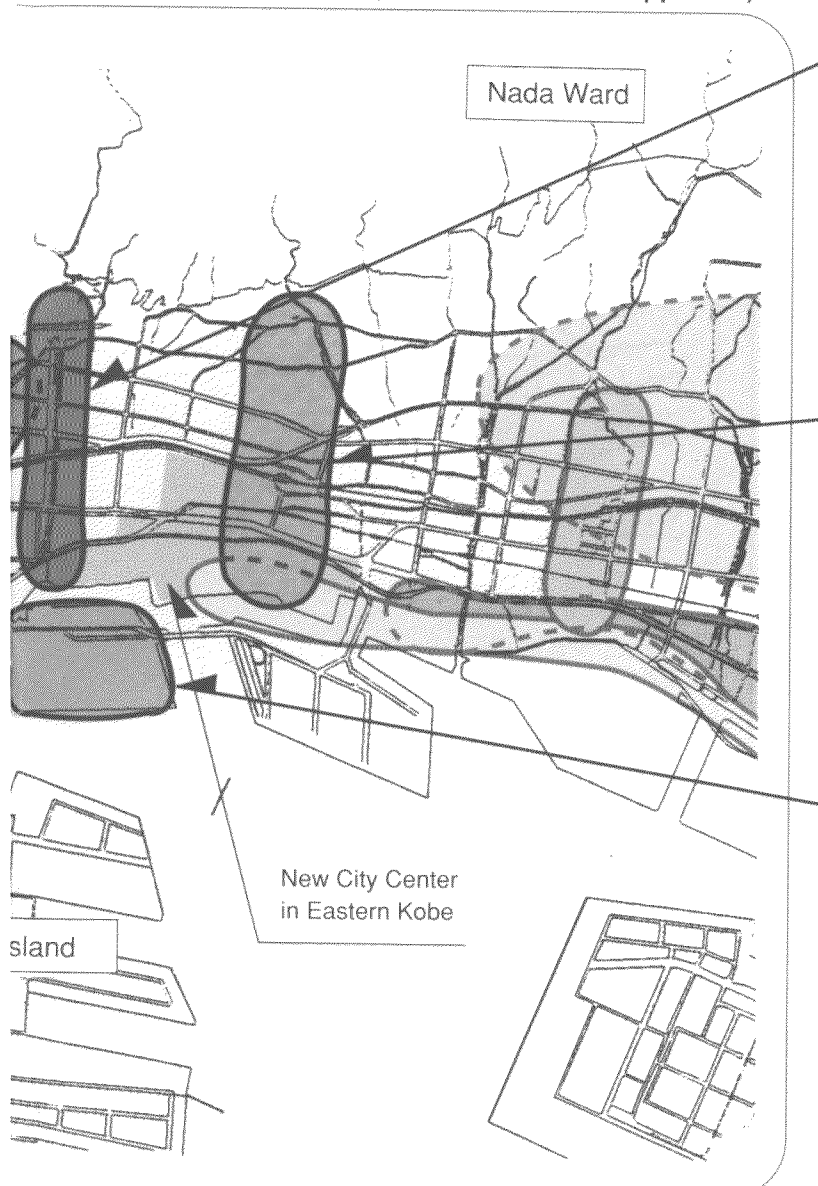
We will develop cultural and interchange facilities and create an area where we can enjoy the ocean along the seaside from Harborland to the vicinity of Shinko 4th pier. Our aim is to create an enjoyable harbor environment for citizens.



2. Direction of City Center Restoration

- Strengthen the functions of the city center. (Restore Sannomiya and its vicinity, improve the new city center in eastern Kobe, take into account its relation with Harborland, Motomachi.)
- Create a safe city center that will be a central disaster prevention base. (Create a central disaster prevention base considering its connection with other bases such as city hall, the Higashi Yuenchi Park and the harbor.)
- Reform transportation systems that support the functions of the city center. (Improve transportation systems connecting the north and south, construct Municipal Subway – Kaigan Line, and take into account the seaside area and artificial islands.)
- Redevelop the harbor. (Improve the functions of the harbor, create a disaster prevention base, create a “harbor” that will be enjoyed by the citizens.)
- Enhance the residential environment, and attract citizens to live in the city center. (Enhance the residential environment, increase the supply of excellent housing units in such areas as the new city center in eastern Kobe.)
- Create a comfortable city center rich with water and greenery. (Develop the Ikuta River green belt and the green belt at the Nada cultural axis. Secure parks and other relaxing spaces, promote the planting of trees in the city center.)
- Develop a community with diverse functions by making full use of its characteristics as a community in the city center. (Promote communication between residents, workers, businesses, visitors and foreign residents.)
- Put emphasis on community characteristics, and cooperate and work together for community creation. (Make the city unique with many attractions of the city center, organize a Community Creation Council and support its activities, and offer opportunities to join the process of community creation.)

(See Multi-Colored Appendix)



City Center Restoration Project ⑤

“Ikuta Riverside Green Belt Development”

We will develop the Ikuta River into a relaxing space with water and greenery, create a symbolic space of the city center connecting the mountains and the sea. We will increase trees, improve transportation systems connecting north and south, and strengthen the function of the green belt to prevent disasters.

City Center Restoration Project ③

“Development of Nada Cultural Axis”

We will advance the development of the new city center in eastern Kobe, invite international research organizations such as the WHO Kobe Center, prefectural art museum, and museums owned by private companies to create a new cultural and educational environment. We will also develop a green belt to connect the area with the mountain-side, and create a symbolic axis of cultural exchange in eastern Kobe.

City Center Restoration Project ④

“Redevelopment of the Shinko Piers in the Eastern District”

We will redevelop the area adjacent to the central area of downtown as a base to handle imported foods and foreign cargo. We will also improve the harbor to function even in cases of disaster.