

Chapter 5 Symbolic Projects

1. Concept and Selection of Symbolic Projects

The reconstruction plans described in the previous chapters cover various fields. As there are a great number of them, we have selected from each of the plans 17 typical projects that are considered important and urgent. They are symbolic projects for the restoration of Kobe and were selected based on the following three standards.

- ① Those that are important and urgent for the lives of the citizens, and for the restoration and reconstruction of city infrastructure.
- ② Those that will be key projects in leading the restoration of Kobe, and that have far-reaching effects.
- ③ Those that symbolize the restoration of a new Kobe of the 21st century.

Each project will not necessarily be limited to one field, but should influence various fields. It is important to carry out each project carefully, considering its relation with other projects so that we will be able to achieve synergy.

2. List of Symbolic Projects

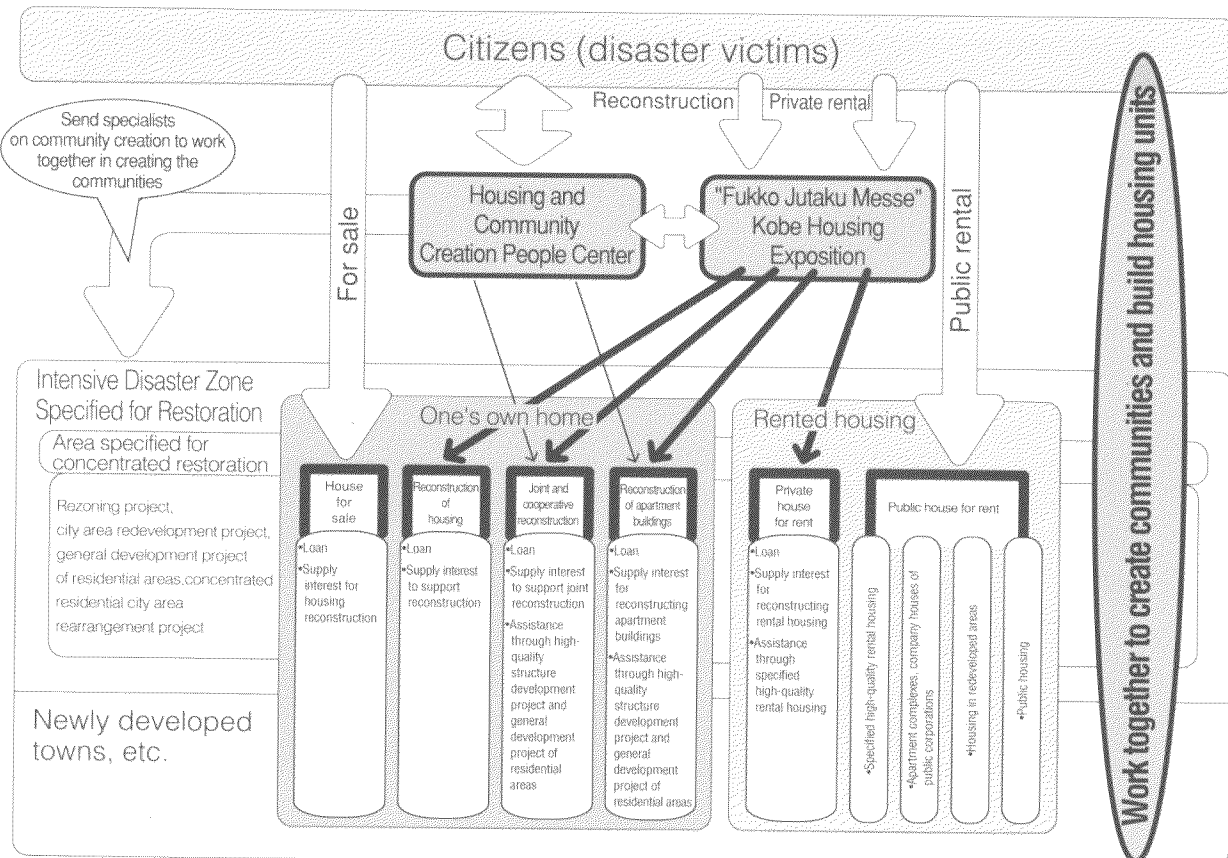
- ① Reconstruction plan of citizen housing
- ② Creation of a safe and comfortable city area
- ③ Creation of communities with welfare services for the 21st century
- ④ Security networks
- ⑤ A plan for the new city center in eastern Kobe
- ⑥ Development of a Kobe Business Start-up Zone
- ⑦ China / Asia exchange zone
- ⑧ Creation of Mother Port of Asia for the 21st century
- ⑨ Promotion of an international and modern culture of Kobe
- ⑩ Creation of multiple transportation networks
- ⑪ Development of a base for next-generation telecommunication research (Promoting the KIMEC plan)
- ⑫ Development of a local disaster prevention base
- ⑬ Creation of a city with water and greenery
- ⑭ Development of a city center symbolic zone connected to the sea
- ⑮ Development of lifeline utility systems that stand strong against disasters
- ⑯ Inheritance of the experience of disaster
- ⑰ Promotion of the construction of Museum of Disaster Science and a Complex of 20th Century Museums

Reconstruction Plan of Citizen Housing

We will set up housing measures that are positive and clear for the victims of the earthquake, and by comprehensively applying various project measures and systems, we will create a system to smoothly construct housing units, rebuild houses jointly or cooperatively, purchase houses, and move into homes. In the rebuilding of homes, we will endeavor to create a good living environment in harmony with the "creation of a safe and comfortable city area" project.

[Outline of the plan]

- (1) General Consultation Service on Housing
"Fukko Jutaku Messe" Kobe Housing Exposition, General Housing Counseling Office.
- (2) Financial Assistance in Construction and Purchase of Housing
Kobe City Disaster Recovery Special Housing Loan, Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Restoration Fund Housing Measure Project.
- (3) Support in Community Creation, and Construction of Housing Units
Send specialists from Housing and Community Creation People Center, funds for building housing units and community creation.
- (4) Promote the Construction of Housing Units by Implementing Various Projects.
Rezoning project, city area redevelopment project, general development project of residential areas, concentrated residential city area rearrangement project, and high-quality structure development project
- (5) Prompt and Large Supply of Public Housing
Public housing, housing in redeveloped areas, specified high-quality rental housing, apartment complexes, company houses of public corporations.
- (6) Set Guidelines and Produce Guide Books on Housing
Kobe City's standards in designing housing, and guides for the reconstruction of apartment buildings.



Creation of a Safe and Comfortable City Area

We will implement such projects as rezoning, city area redevelopment, and other projects to seriously damaged areas, and create a safe and comfortable place that stands strong against disasters

[Outline of the Plan]

1. Creation of a Safe and Comfortable City Area

(1) Creation of a Secure Environment in which to Live

- Improve community roads, parks. Jointly manage buildings and make them fireproof

(2) Preparation of a City Infrastructure that Stands Strong Against Disasters

- Prepare trunk roads for evacuation, and parks in neighborhoods for evacuating from disasters.
- Prepare schools and parks to function as local disaster prevention bases

(3) Preparation of a Disaster-Resistant Safe Zone

- Prepare disaster-resistant safe zone where municipal functions, function to prevent disasters, and functions of collecting and distributing information are concentrated, and cooperate with local bases such as schools and parks, and connect with health, medical, and welfare services. Develop a "life spot" that is vitally important to citizens' lives

2. Promotion of Community Creation Through Cooperation and Collaboration

(1) Organization of a Community Creation Council

- Organize a Community Creation Council, support and draw up plans.

(2) Foundation of a Community Creation House (Local office)

- Set up in each ward, offer information on Community Creation, and give advice.

(3) Specialized Community Creation Services

- Send "Community Creation Specialists" to each Community Creation Council.

(4) Implementation of Participation - Different Types of Community Creation Methods (Workshops and other methods)

- Improve familiar facilities, such as parks, through cooperation with residents.

3. Relation with "Reconstruction plan of citizen housing"

