

2017-18 Kobe Community Forum

Informal "Save-The-Date" Announcement

I'm pleased to announce that the dates and theme of the 2017-18 Kobe Community Forum have been confirmed. The Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication (KIC) will soon issue an open invitation along with complete details about how you can register to join. The general details are as follows below. The events will be open to the public (applications will be accepted until we reach maximum capacity), so please spread the word! Participation in each event is free.

Details and photos from last year's event can be found at: <http://atroianos.wixsite.com/kobecommunityforum>

We are bringing together people from across our Kobe community, including those with culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds, for the purpose of talking about community needs and sharing ideas about how to make Kobe a pleasant, healthy, socially-connected and resilient place for all. The event will be held in English and up to 100 members of Kobe's International Community (Japanese and non-Japanese residents, foreign exchange students, people working in Kobe, etc.) will join. Local government officials, including the Honorable Mayor Hisamoto, will also participate.

We hope you, too, will join us and have your voice heard!

This event is organized by the Kobe City Government and the Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication.

2017-18 Kobe Community Forum and Pre-events Schedule

Title: "Creating a Resilient Kobe: How can we use the talented people and abundant resources in our community to make Kobe healthy, connected, and resilient for everyone?"

*The theme is community resilience (disasters, etc.), health and building a sense of community/social cohesiveness in Kobe.

Forum Pre-event (2 options):

We are encouraging participation among local city workers in the pre-events, so that residents and city workers have a chance to exchange information and talk. The pre-events will be based in English, with some Japanese translation for those who cannot speak English.

Up to 75 people can participate each time.

15 November 2017 (Wed) 15:00~17:00 (KIC Office)

25 November 2017 (Sat) 13:00~15:00 (KIC Office)

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Up to 100 people can participate. The forum will be conducted in English.

20 January (Sat) 2018 at Sorakuen Kaikan in Kobe City

10:00~12:00 (Forum) *Mayor Hisamoto will be present

12:00~13:00 Refreshments and casual networking

I hope you will be able to join us!