



PORTOPIA '81

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" PORT ISLAND " IN KOBE

KOBE CITY

Kobe is one of the largest port cities in the Orient with a population of 1,372,500. Kobe's harbour has been playing an important role as an international trading gateway, thereby contributing much to the development of trade and industry in Japan. Kobe's port is making strenuous efforts to modernize, expand and improve its port facilities, the Port Island project.

The citizens of Kobe enjoy an urban life and are endeavoring to promote international goodwill by receiving the people of the world in a warm, friendly way.

Sandwiched between the Rokko Range and Seto Inland Sea, Kobe is blessed with scenic attractions.

The mountains, which are easily reached from the heart of the city, command a grand view of the port and Osaka Bay. Suma Beach stretching to the west of the city, provides us with a resort for bathing, fishing and sailing.

Kobe also abounds in historic sites and legendary spots.

PORT OF KOBE

On January 1, 1868, the Port of Kobe was opened to the world under the name of "Port of Hyogo", taking the first step forward to becoming a modern port as at present. From then on, the port was expanded and equipped under the first stage (1907-1922) and the second stage (1919-1939) of constructions and repairs projects. After the war, Shinko No. 7, No. 8 and up-to-date Maya Piers have been added. At present, development of the Kobe Port just like the construction of Port Island and Rokko Island is still being pushed forward, aiming at becoming one of the most up-to-date international ports, representing Japan in the 21st century era.

PORT ISLAND

The "PORT ISLAND" project has been carried out since 1966 by Kobe City, in an effort of to deal with the ever increasing flow of container cargoes in the port.

This is the biggest ever undertaken in the history of ports and harbors of the world. The Port Island occupying 4.36 million square meters of land are provided quays capable of berthing 28 large vessels, including 12 containerships and 16 general liners. Behind the berth, the facilities relative to Port function have been almost completed, such as transit sheds, warehouses, truck terminals and welfare facilities for port labors. Of 12 container berths, 9 berths are now in operation, and 15 liner berths are already completed. The new island will not only have port facilities but also be provided an urban development site. According to the spirit of an international "Port City", there will be an integrated development of the trade and port functions. The amount of soil required for reclamation is about 80 million m³. The soil is taken from mountains in the western part of the city and carried by pusher barges. The total project will be completed in 1981.

NEW TRANSIT SYSTEM

It is estimated that Port Island will have the daytime population of about 70,000 in 1985. Accordingly, the construction of the so-called "New Transit System" unmanned computer operated railway has been undertaken as the transportation facilities. This will connect the center of the city with Port Island within only 10 minutes. The completion is aimed for the March of 1981, before the opening of exposition.

KOBE PORT ISLAND EXPOSITION

To celebrate the birth of a new "City on the Sea", the Kobe Port Island Exposition, popularly named "PORTOPIA '81", will be held for 180 days commencing on March 20, 1981 under the main theme of the creation of a New "Cultural City on the Sea". Besides celebrating the completion of the "City on the Sea", the forthcoming international exposition has multi-purposes. "PORTOPIA '81" is regarded as one of the four major projects in '80s in Kansai area, the western part of Japan. The total investment of "PORTOPIA '81" would be more than 280 billion yen, which is expected to stimulate the economy of Kansai area greatly. More than 27 pavilions will be erected with the participation of government sectors, public cooperations as well as major domestic private concerns, and this exposition is going to be the second biggest exposition ever held in Japan, next to EXPO '70 in 1970.

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