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# INVITATION to RYOSOKAI

Alumni Association for the  
Graduates of Social Sciences,  
Kobe University, Japan

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**RYOSOKAI** is  
an Alumni Association for graduates and students of the under graduate  
and the graduate School of the Social Sciences, Kobe University

## RYOSOKAI provides an OASIS for alumni through the broad generation.

◇RYOSOKAI is an Alumni Association for graduates and students of the faculty of under graduate and graduate School of the Social Sciences which are Economics, Business Administration, Law and International Cooperation at Kobe University.

◇RYOSOKAI was established in 1924, originating with it's predecessors from the Kobe Higher Commercial School, Kobe University of Commerce, and Kobe University of Economics.

◇Being an Oasis for your heart and mind during studentship as well as after graduation, is the Mission of RYOSOKAI.

◇RYOSOKAI heartily welcomes you to join us and wishes that you will realize a productive life with a continuing refreshed mind.

## What does the word "RYOSOKAI" stand for?

◇"RYOSO" means Chrysanthemum and was chosen by Professor TETSUYA MIZUSHIMA, the first principal of Kobe Higher Commercial School after the maxim in an old Chinese book.

You will find a stone inscription of this maxim written by him in the front courtyard of the main building at Rokko-dai.

The stone inscription reads 「凌霜雪而香」 "Chrysanthemums will always be fragrant even through severe climates covered by snow or frost."



stone inscription (above), calligraphy (left)

Prof. Mizushima expected students to be fragrant and elegant like the chrysanthemum throughout their hardships in the course of life.

## History of RYOSOKAI

◇RYOSOKAI was founded on September 20th, 1924 as an alumni association of Kobe Higher Commercial School having its origin at Kobe University. The membership number then was 2700 which included those from the 1st graduates of year 1907 to 18th year graduates of 1924.



## Status quo

◇RYOSOKAI has provided the opportunity for friendship among alumni and the supporting academic studies of Social Sciences since it's beginning. It's network expands all over the world along with other alumni associations beyond the realm of Social Sciences.

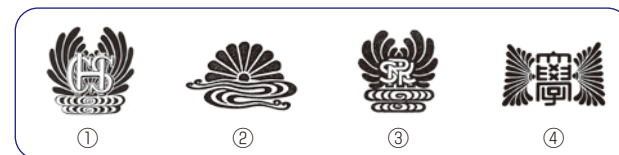
The number of the membership for RYOSOKAI alone counts 20,000+ and 170000+ for all of Kobe University.

They have been vital members of the Business, Civil Services, Academic and Judicial communities with the spirit fostered at Kobe University.

## Origin and Transition of the "CREST"

The Chrysanthemum has been the basic concept underlying the Crest. Numbers shown on the left hand correspond to those in frame.

- ① Crest of Kobe Higher Commercial School.
- ② Crest of Minatogawa Shrine, the land mark of Kobe erected in 1872, Meiji era
- ③ Crest of RYOSOKAI.
- ④ Crest of Kobe University



The 11th President  
Kiyoshi Ohtsubo

Chairman of the Board and President & C.E.O of Rengo Co. Ltd

## Chapters of RYOSOKAI

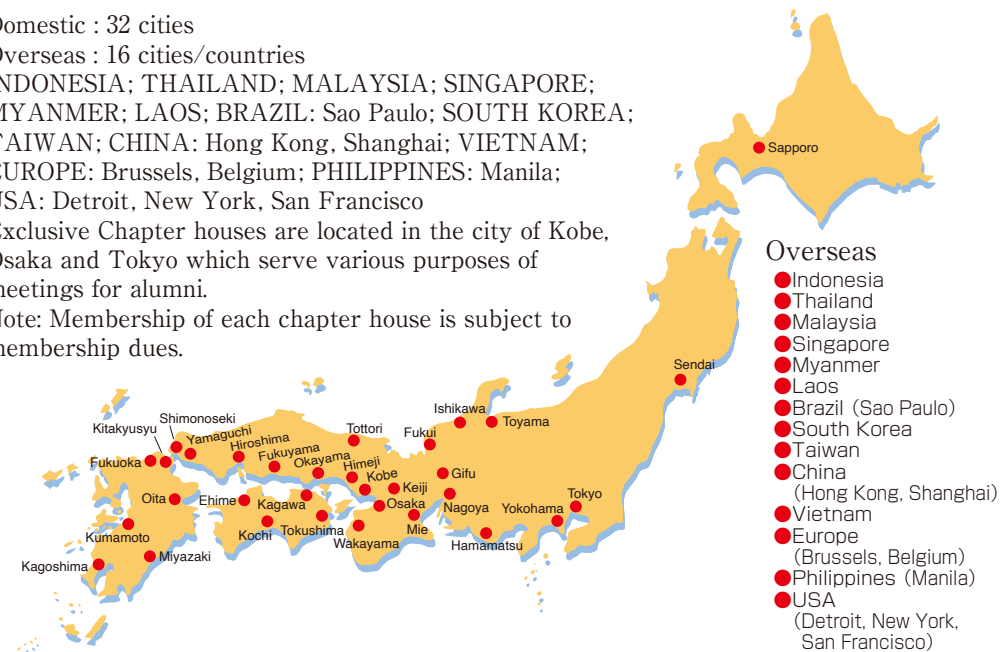
Domestic : 32 cities

Overseas : 16 cities/countries

INDONESIA; THAILAND; MALAYSIA; SINGAPORE; MYANMER; LAOS; BRAZIL: Sao Paulo; SOUTH KOREA; TAIWAN; CHINA: Hong Kong, Shanghai; VIETNAM; EUROPE: Brussels, Belgium; PHILIPPINES: Manila; USA: Detroit, New York, San Francisco

Exclusive Chapter houses are located in the city of Kobe, Osaka and Tokyo which serve various purposes of meetings for alumni.

Note: Membership of each chapter house is subject to membership dues.



## ■ BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Linkage of PEOPLE to PEOPLE

RYOSOKAI enriches your social sphere within the network of 170,000+ alumni and students of Kobe University.

Expand a linkage with friends

Receive a Face to Face Consultation for the job search

Donated Lectures Started the New course of "Practicing the Social Sciences"

Receive a "Ryoso Awards" to the nominee of outstanding academic record

**Networking among students for quality life of the studentship.**

**Which provides the opportunities to :**

Subscribe an "Electronic News Letter" (Mail Magazine)

Obtain a support to Overseas study for long/short term

Obtain a support for the educational and/or study groups

Obtain a support for various on campus events and lectures i.e. Tanabata matsuri or Rokko-sai

Access the "ON LINE ALUMNI DIRECTORY" (Web directory)

Hire employees of higher quality

Enhance the tie between you and Alma Mater closer

**Networking with alumni for business.**  
**Which provides the opportunities to :**

Participate in the various events by the local chapter and business group.

Subscribe an Electronic News Letter (Mail Magazine) and a house organ "RYOSO"

Acquaint you with professionals such as lawyers, accountants and so on

Rekindle friendship with peers

Enhance the tie between you and Alma Mater closer

**Benefits of Membership Networking among senior alumni.**

Enhance the energy of life through the friendship and life-long learning

**Which provides the opportunities to :**

Subscribe an Electronic News Letter (Mail Magazine) and a house organ "RYOSO"

#### Type of Membership

Membership of the Alumni association is classified in two categories.

**Regular Membership:** For graduates from under graduate and graduate school

**Associate Membership:** For students of under graduate and graduate school, to whom a membership card I.D. is issued in the event he or she refers to the directory of the alumni and or participates in various events promoted by the RYOSOKAI.

## ■ Services for the Associate Membership

RYOSOKAI focuses its effort to ensure bi-lateral interaction and communication among students and between students and graduates for a comfortable college life.

### ① Monthly E-Mail Magazine (In Japanese only)

Please register your mail address to get latest news and information on campus which includes events information, job hunting information, an article about an active graduate and many other interest, but sorry it's only in Japanese. You can read back number on our website.

There are two types Magazines depend on the interests for undergraduate year.

■ E-Mail Magazine : "Ryoso Junior" for Freshman and Sophomore

■ E-Mail Magazine : "Ryoso Advance" for Junior and above

You can access from this QR code to read back-number magazine and to open the registration form.



### ② Support of your college life

RYOSOKAI provides various programs in collaboration with Kobe University and/or representatives from each Seminar to help you at each stage of college life.

They are, for example,

(a) "Welcome gathering to Rokko-dai campus for the associate member which offers an opportunity to meet and to know each other through the various events including games, eat and drink and so on.

Almost all freshmen participate the gathering by each faculty in April.

(b) The lecture (is worth of two credits) is offered on the third and fourth quarter of every year by the top management of the business from the various field of business. The lecturers are the graduates of Kobe University.

The opportunities to learn the vital Law, Economics and Business Administrations from the real world and enhances the global human resources.



(c) Ryoso Awards given to the students of outstanding academic record selected from the three faculties at Rokko-dai (Law, Economics and Business Administration), its graduate school and the graduate school of international cooperation.

Those award winners will be eligible to go overseas study under the global challenge program.

(d) Support "Thank You party" given by graduates in honor of their teachers and "Graduation ceremony". Those graduates will receive discount of annual membership fee when advance to the regular member status.

(e) Collaboration with Rokko-dai student council so called "BEL kan" which consists with representatives of each seminar from the faculty of Legal, Economics and Business Administration respectively.

"BEL kan" dedicates themselves to vitalize and support college life of the students.

### ③ Face to Face Career assistance and counseling

■ "Rokko-dai Shushoku-joho Center" (hereinafter referred to as "Career Center") offers hands-on information and counseling services to students with regard to career development by alumni having the extensive business experiences from a variety of business fields.

The "Career Center" is located on the 2nd floor of the Academia Hall on the Rokko-dai campus. (see next page for detail)

<https://ryosokai.net/student/job/>

Location of the Academia Hall is shown in the page of 14

Career Center along with BEL kan holds seminars for sophomore so called "Introduction to Internship" and "Guidance to the various industries"

■ "Tokyo Office of Kobe University" which is located in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo is of great advantage to you when you visit Tokyo; i.e. for a company visit, interview or examination of a job search.



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## Services of the regular membership

### ◆ Magazine "RYOSO" (in Japanese)

is issued quarterly (on February, May, August and November) to those who have paid membership dues.

covers the latest achievements and advances happening on campus strengthens the ties with Alumni



### ◆ Electronic News Letter "RYOSO BUSINESS" (in Japanese)

浅霜 太郎 様

メールマガジンをご愛読いただき有り難うございます。今号はホームカミングディを中心に、有益なセミナーや浅霜人の活躍ぶり、母校の近況などをお知らせします。

◆ 神戸大学ホームカミングディ開催のご案内 ◆

【第7回神戸大学ホームカミングディが、来る10月27日(土)に行われます。メイン会場は、本学出身で出光興産(株)の創業者である出光佐三氏の名前を冠した「出光佐三記念六甲台講堂」。午前の記念式典の総合司会はNHKアナウンサー住田功一氏(S58経営学部卒)です。大学HP: <http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/campuslife/alumni/hcd/2012/celemony.html>

◆ 神戸大学創立110周年記念事業のご案内 ◆

神戸大学は1902(明治35)年の創立以来、本年で110周年を迎えました。神戸大学は「世紀を超えて〜神戸大学」(For 110 years and beyond)をキャッチフレーズに、さらなる発展を目指し、新しい教育システムを構築するとともに、神戸大学の知を国民の皆様に還元すべく、NHKラジオ・テレビでも報道されました。大学HP: [http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/info/topics/2011\\_08\\_05\\_01.htm](http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/info/topics/2011_08_05_01.htm) 新聞報道: <http://www.ryosokai.net/business/shinsaisimpo23.8.4.pdf>

◆ 東日本大震災 復興めざし 公開シンポジウムを開催 ◆

神戸大学は公開シンポジウム「東日本大震災からの復興に向けて〜神戸にできること」を神戸国際会議場で開催しました。パネリストには、復興理想会議議長・五百旗頭真神戸大学名誉教授や井上明久・東北大学総長らが出席。議員の盛況となり、NHKラジオ・テレビでも報道されました。大学HP: [http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/info/topics/2011\\_08\\_05\\_01.htm](http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/info/topics/2011_08_05_01.htm) 新聞報道: <http://www.ryosokai.net/business/shinsaisimpo23.8.4.pdf>

◆ 朝日新聞社が日本全体の復興と再設計を論じ合う ◆

朝日新聞社は日本全体の復興と再設計を論じ合う「ニッポン前へ委員会」を設立し、9人の委員を委嘱。その中一人に全国最年少の女性市長として注目される福村氏が選ばれました。法目集める福村氏が選ばれました。同誌で紹介された「大学の約束」(H16)「キリフリー」開発の梶原奈美子氏(H16)のうちの1人に梶原氏が登場。神戸大への進学動機や所属ゼミの加筆、義教授、仕事の相談相手として所属の栗木 英准教授などについてコメントしている。

### ◆ Support for on campus activities

the symposium of so called "San-Sho-dai Seminar Contest" intercollegiate competition at which students of each seminar at Hitotubashi, Osaka city and Kobe Universities collectively compete in results of study on given subjects. "San-Sho-dai" (Three commerce colleges) have been legendary of the leading commerce college in Japan, festivities such as Homecoming Day (Alumni return to Campus), Rokko Sai (Anniversary of the foundation of the University) and so on.



### ◆ Information of local events

Local chapters as well as chapters in the metropolitan area such as Kobe, Tokyo and Osaka hold various meeting and/or symposium for career development and enhancement of friendship among Alumni.

Especially a monthly luncheon meeting at Kobe has been very popular and counts 1500+ so far since it's foundation in around the year of 1926.



## Chapters of metropolitan area

Each chapter keeps an exclusive club room for alumni available for the various events such as reunion, casual meeting, seminar, "GO" and "Shogi" (Japanese style Chess) game with dining room services and golf outings as well.

### ◆ Kobe University Tokyo Rokko Club

Located in the basement (B2) of Tokyo Empire Theatre in front of the Imperial Palace nearby the stations of JR and Subway rail system: Yurakucho and Hibiya collectively. Used to be Tokyo Ryoso club having 50years history and now reorganized and opened to any and all the graduates of Kobe university. Members could enjoy Seminars, Concerts and beer party throughout the year.

TEL:03-3211-2916 <https://www.rokko-club.jp/> E-mail:tokyo@rokko-club.jp

### ◆ Kobe University Osaka Club

Located on the 11th floor of the Osaka Ekimae Daiichi Building. Seminar room with the capacity of 50-60 people boasts from not only graduates but also students and faculty staff as a place of learning.

TEL:06-6345-1150 <https://www.osaka-ryoso.com/> E-mail:osaka.ryoso@gmail.com

### ◆ Kobe University Club: KUC

The Membership of KUC is open to any and all OB and OG of Kobe University. Currently KUC doesn't have own facility to serve but Rokko-en (nearby Hankyuu Rokko station) and Nankou-Kaikan (annex of Minatogawa shrine) are available for the seminar and reunion gathering. Annual membership fee of ¥6,000 makes you enjoy richer second life playing "Go" "Shogi" "Group Tour" and access to Tokyo and Osaka Ryoso club as well.

TEL:078-802-3113 <http://kobeuniv-club.com/> E-mail:kuc@kobeuniv-club.com

is issued and mailed monthly to those with valid membership. brings you the news and information as to the latest achievements and advances happening on campus and various useful information for your life including seminars, meetings and events.

### ◆ "ON LINE ALUMNI DIRECTORY" Services (in Japanese)

provide an access to "Web Directory" from the Membership Homepage of RYOSOKAI. (requires ID and Pass word authorized by RYOSOKAI to access the Web).

会員専用ページ 浅霜会員専用の会員制ページで便利なサービスを提供しています。

ID  パスワード  ログイン

半角英数で入力してください。小文字・大文字は区別されますのでご注意ください。大文字の入力方法は [こちら](#) をご覧ください。



## ■ Invitation to Home Page <https://www.ryosokai.net/>

The screenshot shows the RYOSOKAI website home page. At the top, it says 'INVITATION to RYOSOKAI - Welcome to Ryo Frost Association'. Below this are three main navigation buttons: 'Click here for alumni', 'Click here for current students', and 'About RYOSOKAI'. There are also smaller buttons for 'Members only page' and 'Member My Page'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'To Graduates' and 'To Students'. The page also includes contact information and a digital booklet link.

## ■ How to join RYOSOKAI

We accept membership upon payment of membership fees. Please fill in the necessary information into the attached payment slip and Transfer the money from the bank or post office nearby. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

QR code access to Application for membership of RYOSOKAI →



Enrollment Fee	¥10,000
Associate Membership Undergraduation, Transferred to Junior, Master program, Doctoral program, MBA program	¥4,000 per year and please pay the full period of your study such as 2-year program: ¥8,000 3-year program: ¥12,000
Regular Membership	¥5,000 per year ¥100,000 for life for applicant 60 years or older

## LOCATION OF RYOSOKAI

Bird's eye of Rokko-dai Campus (RYOSOKAI is shown in RED)



### ◆ PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The personal information you submit will be handled with the utmost care in accordance with the University's rules for the protection of personal information and will only be used in services rendered to the membership such as mailing of magazines and communication.

### RYOSOKAI office location:

Miki Memorial Hall at Rokkodai 1st Campus  
NO.35 on the this English Campus Map

<https://www.kobe-u.ac.jp/documents/guid/rokko/r1.pdf>

