



Brief History

The predecessor of the Faculty of Maritime Sciences was Kobe University of Mercantile Marine, whose origin can be traced back about 100 years. Kobe University of Mercantile Marine had long contributed to the education of top-level professionals in the maritime industries. With such a long tradition and high reputation it was decided that Kobe University of Mercantile Marine would integrate into Kobe University in 2003. The mission of the Faculty of Maritime Sciences is to foster experts who possess both a comprehensive knowledge of the marine sciences and are able to use this knowledge to contribute to the field of global transportation and logistics.

Kobe City









The City of Kobe is located to the west of center on the Mainland of Japan. It is accessible by land, sea, and air via domestic and international destinations. It takes 2 hours and 50 minutes to get to Tokyo by Shinkansen Bullet Train, and 1 hour and 20 minutes by plane. Within easy reach of Kobe, there are several famous cities with many historical sites and spots of interest, such as Himeji, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka.



Ever since it was opened to the world, Kobe has developed as a cosmopolitan port city where people, goods and information from around the globe are in constant motion. Now, Kobe has a population of 1.5 million including 52,000 foreign residents from as many as 147 different countries and regions, and is well known throughout Japan as being an “international city”. With a diverse population of foreign residents and the resulting facilities and amenities established by and for such foreign communities, Kobe is uniquely qualified to support a comfortably refined lifestyle for any individual from any country.

Sandwiched by Mt. Rokko in the north and the Inland Sea of Seto in the south, Kobe is endowed with its overall mild climate averaging 17.3°C (63.1°F) with four seasonal changes.

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