# Community library 'Machi Library' to open at Kobe Airport

Kansai Airports Kobe is excited to announce that *Machi Library @ Kobe Airport* will open in the terminal of Kobe Airport (KOBE) on July 1, 2021. The Machi Library, or literally meaning "town" library, will be set up by the Association for Connecting People Through Books, an organization consisting of university students and individuals from non-profit organizations, firms, schools, and public agencies, with the cooperation of the General Incorporated Association Machi Library. In support of this community library aiming at revitalizing the airport and bringing people together through books, Kansai Airports Group will provide a space in the terminal so that passengers can spend more quality time before boarding flights and while on board.

The Machi Library, the first of its kind at a domestic airport, will offer about 1,200 books of various genres, including novels and children's books. Anyone will be able to borrow books by just filling out a form with their names and the titles of the books they wish to borrow. They will be able to read books in the library space or take them to their travel destinations. There will be no due date for returning, so the borrowers can simply put books back to the return area when finishing reading. An optional comment card will be attached to each book, with which they can enjoy seeing what other readers thought and comparing such comments with their own thoughts.

Furthermore, the library will ensure infection control by placing disinfectants, asking the users to wear masks, and making announcements on physical distancing.

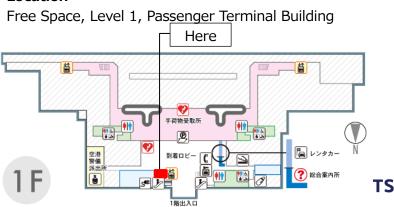
Always committed to creating a new travel experience, Kansai Airports hopes to put a big smile on the face of all guests with the machi library!

\*Machi Library® is an initiative proposed by Yoshimitsu Isoi, a representative director of the General Incorporated Association Machi Library (Location: Osaka City), with the aim of connecting people through books. As of June 15, 2021, privately-owned or donated books are set in 862 places across Japan, including cafes, hospitals, temples, offices, homes, shops, and public facilities. These community library spaces not only provide books but also offer an opportunity to exchange comment cards, join a book club, and participate in various other events. The General Incorporated Association Machi Library supports the spread and activities of the Machi Library. For more information about the Machi Library, visit http://machi-library.org (Japanese only).

### Outline of Machi Library @ Kobe Airport

- Duration: July 1, 2021 March 31, 2022
- Location: Level 1, Passenger Terminal Building, Kobe Airport
  \*The library may temporarily be closed, or its location may be changed depending on situations.
- Number of books: Approximately 1,200 books
- How to borrow & return books: Write your name (or nickname) and the titles of the books you would like to borrow in the form and bring them back to the return area by March 31, 2022.

### Location



**Library space** \*For illustration purpose only



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Kansai Airports Kobe, Kansai Airports' wholly-owned subsidiary, took over the operations of Kobe Airport ("KOBE") from Kobe City and started its business as an operating company on April 1, 2018.

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#### Kansai Airports

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano- shi, Osaka	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% <sup>1</sup>
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO:Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport		

#### Kansai Airports Kobe

Location	1-ban, Kobe-kuko, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo	Shareholder	Kansai Airports 100%
Company	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya		
Representatives	Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



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