



## MINIATURE LIFE x KOBE AIRPORT museum to open at KOBE

- Enjoy Tatsuya Tanaka's miniature world at the airport transformed into a theme park -

Kansai Airports Kobe is excited to announce that it will open miniature photographer and resemblance artist Tatsuya Tanaka's first permanent museum "MINIATURE LIFE x KOBE AIRPORT" in early autumn 2022 at Kobe Airport (KOBE). Tanaka is renowned for his unique miniature artworks and recently made a huge success showcasing his creations at the Expo 2020 Dubai's Japan Pavilion.

Under the concept of "a theme park where adults and children alike can enjoy flying and plane watching," the one-and-only museum will open with two exhibition rooms in KOBE's rooftop area where visitors can get a panoramic view of the airport. In the rooftop lawn area, a gigantic broccoli object will pop up and entertain viewers by evoking a sense of becoming a miniature piece in the world of MINIATURE LIFE. What is more, artworks created through a tie-up with companies who support the airport's vitalization will be displayed across the terminal building.

A collection of playful works featured in this project is expected to provide a lot of fun and a unique, one-of-its-kind airport experience to visitors to KOBE.

Kansai Airports Group continues to create a new travel experience that offers excitement and puts a big smile on the face of all customers.

### Outline of MINIATURE LIFE x KOBE AIRPORT

- Concept: A theme park where adults and children alike can enjoy flying and plane watching
- Launch date: Early September, 2022 (TBC)
- Outline and location:

#### 1. Popular miniature photographer and resemblance artist Tatsuya Tanaka's permanent museum (Two exhibition rooms in the rooftop area)

Exhibit works inspired by the city of Kobe, aircraft and the airport.

- Exhibition Room 1: Miniature world resembling the airport and aircraft
- Exhibition Room 2: Miniature world resembling Kobe's landscapes

#### 2. Exhibition of a large object (Rooftop lawn area)

Display a giant object of a broccoli, which often appears in Tanaka's miniature works, taller than a man in the rooftop lawn area. A perfect photo spot to create a special memory of visiting Kobe and the airport.

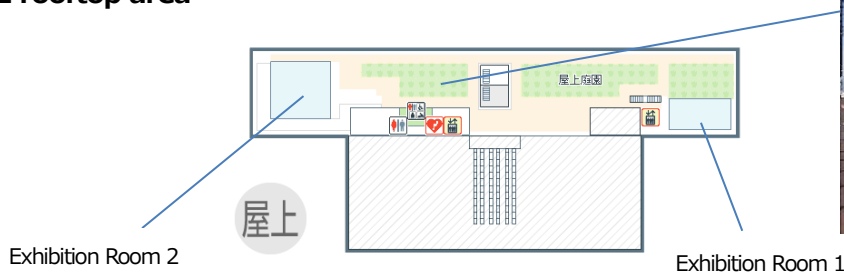
#### 3. Display of artworks in collaboration with companies (Various locations across KOBE terminal)

MINIATURE LIFE will collaborate with companies, who support the airport's vitalization, in creating and displaying across the terminal works that feature the companies in a humorous way.

(Open for applications in summer 2022. See the next page for contact details.)



## KOBE rooftop area



Giant broccoli object

### Exhibition Room 1: Miniature world resembling the airport and aircraft

Recreate KOBE AIRPORT in a miniature form.



Examples of works

### Exhibition Room 2: Miniature world resembling Kobe's landscapes

Recreate Kobe in a miniature form and display other works inspired by the city.



Examples of works

\* Renderings and images for illustration purposes only

More details will be available at special website: <http://www.kairport.net/miniaturelife/>

### Introduction of Tatsuya Tanaka

Tatsuya Tanaka

Miniature photographer and resemblance artist. Tanaka has been creating and posting online "MINIATURE CALENDAR," which incorporates everyday objects into miniature art pieces, on a daily basis since 2011. He has held a number of exhibitions at home and abroad, and his major works include the title sequence for the 2017 NHK serial TV drama Hiyokko and the exhibition at the Expo 2020 Dubai Japan Pavilion. Tanaka has over 3.5 million followers on Instagram as of June 2022. His publications include MINIATURE LIFE, Small Wonders, MINIATURE TRIP IN JAPAN, MINIATURE LIFE at HOME, and picture book KUMITATE.



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Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports took over the operations of Kansai International Airport (“KIX”) and Osaka International Airport (“ITAMI”) from New Kansai International Airport Company (“NKIAC”) and has been operating the two airports since April 1, 2016.

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.

Under the concept of “One Kansai Airports Group”, Kansai Airports group strives to continuously improve its services for all airport guests through appropriate investments and efficient operations, with safety and security being the top priority. Kansai Airports group aims to maximize the potential of the three airports, for the benefit of the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit : <http://www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/>

### 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 Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



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