



# KOBE & SEATTLE

## Sister Cities - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary | Sister Ports - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Kobe is Seattle's oldest sister city and one of the most active. Over the past 60 years, the Seattle Kobe Sister City Association has organized dozens of exchanges and events promoted mutual understanding and lasting friendships. The Kobe Terrace Park in Seattle's International District has Japanese pine and cherry trees and a stone lantern, gifts from the people of Kobe. The Kobe Jazz Vocalist Queen Concert sends yearly winners of singing competitions in Seattle and Kobe to perform in the other country. The Cherry Blossom Festival, high school exchanges, and other events keep this relationship strong. The Seattle YMCA and Kobe YMCA have had a partnership since 1966 and the Seattle Yacht Club and Suma Yacht club have had an exchange since 1981. Over the decades there have been many visits between Kobe and Seattle leaders; most recently Mayor Ed Murray visited Kobe in May 2016. 2017 is the 60th anniversary of the Kobe Seattle sister city relationship and the 50th anniversary of the Port of Kobe and Port of Seattle sister port relationships.

Kobe, Japan's seventh largest city and has a population of 1.5 million. As a port on the Inland Sea, it is one of the main gateways to Japan. Kobe's industries include steel, electrical machinery and instruments, transportation equipment, rubber goods and sake. Kobe is a model for other Japanese cities, having preserved its historic homes, gardens, and temples while rapidly expanding its industrial base.



Kobe, Japan

# LOCATIONS OF KOBE SISTER CITY & PORT GIFTS



## 1. SHILSHOLE BAY MARINA, PORT OF SEATTLE

50th Sister City/40th Sister Port Cherry Trees  
Seven trees located north of the office building at Shilshole Bay Marina



## 2. CENTENNIAL PARK, PORT OF SEATTLE

50th Sister City/40th Sister Port Cherry Trees  
Five trees located next to the Pier 86 grain terminal



## 3. SEATTLE ZOO

Four Red-crowned Cranes, who have had several chicks.



## 4. PIER 69, PORT OF SEATTLE

Sister Port Gifts, such as the Antique Japanese Ship Replica, original sister port signing documents from 1967, Japanese Samurai armour replica, antique Kobe clock



## 5. PIER 66, PORT OF SEATTLE

Large sculpture gift from KobeSeattle



## 6. SEATTLE CENTER

Kobe Bell North of International Fountain



## 7. JACK BLOCK PARK, PORT OF SEATTLE

50th Sister City/40th Sister Port Cherry Trees  
Four cherry trees



## 8. INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Kobe Terrace Park, with Stone Lantern and 10 Cherry Trees (50th Sister City/40th Sister Port)



## 9. 8TH AVENUE SOUTH PARK, PORT OF SEATTLE

50th Sister City/40th Sister Port Cherry Trees  
One cherry tree

