




Kobe INK物語

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The theme of this ink is the view of the colorful KOBE city.
It's great ink for writing letters from KOBE.
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No.1
Rokko Green




Mountains and the sea comes to mind when you hear the word Kobe. Rokko Green ink portray Mount Rokko's deep color. Let's imagen relaxing times in the forest.

No.11
Ikuta Orange



Ikuta Shrine has a long history and the orange gate is a stately symbol. We call this gate Torii, it's the doorway to the inner sanctuary. Ikuta Orange is an ink that gives a mystic impression.

No.21
Taisanji Yellow




Taisanji is an old historic Buddhist Temple. The temple that is surrounded by quiet rural view. You can see the golden sea of grain in the Taisanji Yellow ink.

No.32
Tamon Purple Gray




Tamon Street was popular entertainment district for Kobe people. They named this street after the legendary samurai Lord Kusunoki's childhood name. Tamonza's Japanese sitting cushion is a quiet purple. The ink remember the memory of bygone times.

No.43
Gakuen-Toshi
Flesh Green
(Science City
Flesh Green)



The Science City is About 30 minutes from the center of the city by subway. The city is lined with colleges and is flooded with students. In addition, rich natural environment still remains. This green ink has the young leaf freshness.

No.54
Goshikiyama
Ocher




Goshiki Tomb can contact with old times artifacts. Those artifacts has mysterious looks and you can feel the ancient people's wishes. Mount Goshiki Ocher is the warm and mild artifact's color.

No.65
Shinko
Jet Black




Around-the-world cruise ships and ocean liners enter Kobe port terminal. Therefore, Kobe port terminal has one of Japan's largest boarding bridges. Shinko Jet Black is the color of a classic feast boat's hull.

No.2
Wharf Blue




Kobe is a beautiful port city. Wharf Blue ink has a luxurious contrast between the sea and sky. Enjoy, a vivid and profound color.

No.12
Okamoto Pink




Okamoto has the famous Japanese plum woods park. On the other hand mixed a lot of unique, modern store. Okamoto Pink is a cross between Japanese and foreign color.

No.22
Shinkaichi Gold




Shinkaichi was a lively down town and called by the name West Side Asakusa. This memorable town shows another side, the underground culture of Kobe. Shinkaichi Gold is the ink of streetlights and peoples glitter souls.

No.33
Rikyu Moon Yellow
(Imperial Villa
Moon Yellow)




Suma Park was an Imperial villa. In the park you can enjoy the beautiful scenery of each season. Member of the six major poets, Admiral Narihira enjoyed viewing the moon in this park. This Moon Yellow ink is a tasteful moonlight color.

No.44
Sumaura Seaside Blue




Suma creek is a popular bathing beach in summertime. However this creek was a famous battlefield. Which has been described in "Tales of Heike". Suma seaside ink is blue with a touch of green. The sea's color has not changed for a long time.

No.55
Nankinmachi
Fortune Red




Nankin town is a Chinatown in Kobe. This area is rooted in Asian and ethnic culture. Chinese people hope for happy omens in the New Year festival. This Fortune Red ink is used for that festival.

No.66
Seishin
Cobalt Blue Sky




Seishin is a commuter town at the west of Kobe. Seishin is a place of cultivation for rich wine grapes. This cobalt blue is the beautiful skies of the vineyard.

No.3
Kyu-kyoryuchi
Sepia
(The Old City
Sepia)




The old city area developed for expatriate houses and open trade. The times have changed, but their spirits still continue even now. With the Sepia ink, you can feel history, nostalgia and tranquility.

No.13
Nunobiki Emerald



Nunobiki waterfall is one of the Japanese waterfall Big3. This waterfall is famous for Not Rot Kobe water. Nunobiki Emerald ink is an imposing and bright color.

No.23
Nagata Blue




Nagata is a town of shoes and boots junkies in Kobe. Kobe's great comic artist Mitsuteru Yokoyama's characters statue is in this town. Nagata Blue is the color of his famous robot comic Tetsujin 28's mighty iron body.

No.34
Sorakuen Tea Green



Sorakuen is traditional Japanese gardens in Kitano west side area. The garden was named after the Book Of Changes. An old book written about Taoism. This color portrays the gardens' landscapes harmonized with tea houses.

No.45
Hachibuse
Silhouette Green




Mt. Hachibuse behind Suma creek, was the stage of the same battle as Suma. Imperial guard captain Yoshitsune fought through this hill. But, now it is a great hiking trail for all ages. This green ink is deepe and tasteful.

No.56
Rokko Shichidanka




In Rokko Forest Botanical Garden can see precious hydrangeas. This type of hydrangea was named Shichidanka, and was discovered about 100 years ago. Please enjoy the hydrangea's pastel blue color.

No.67
Ogo Farm Green




Ogo is at the north of Mount Rokko. The farm areas are vast with vegetal products. This green ink is the freshness of vegetables and fruit.

No.4
Kitano Ijinkan Red
(Kitano Town
Villa Red)




Weathercock Palace symbolizes Kitano town. The famous landmark made of bright red bricks. Kitano Red was imagined from these bricks and cosmopolitan city Kobe.

No.14
Maya Lapis Lazuli




Mount Maya is an amazing night view scene. It's like shiny diamonds and gems under the night sky. The phantasm world Lapis Lazuli ink is one of the same.

No.24
Nakayamate Black




Many housing, school, public facilities, cafe and diner line up in Nakayamate Avenue. This avenue is wide east to west and leads to the city center. Nakayamate Black is an urban color ink like a roasted coffee.

No.35
Suwayama
Leave Green
(Mount Suwa
Leave Green)




Mount Suwa is near Kobe city. However, Mt. Suwa Park makes use of natural forest. Venus Bridge is a highlight of the park. You can see the cityscape below from Mount Suwa. This Green gives an impression of fresh leaves, grass and forest forces arising.

No.46
Nagisa Museum Gray



Tadao Ando is one of the most famous Japanese architects. He designed Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art which faces the ocean on 2002. The grey ink draws inspiration from this art museum's concrete wall's color.

No.57
Kobe Himeajisai
(Kobe Hydrangea)




Hydrangea is Kobe's symbol flower. Hydrangea has many types and colors, and are in full bloom every rainy season. This ink is like a pink and purple hydrangea. It's a nature's gift color.

No.68
Maiko-west
pearl blue




The Akashi Strait Bridge, also nicknamed "Pearl Bridge". Looks like a bird is spreading its wings out. Pearl Bridge can be see from Maiko-west. Maiko-west pearl blue ink is the image of this world's longest Suspension bridge.

No.5
Tor Black




Tor road that links Kitano to the old city. There are boutique stores along the street. The Black ink presents night fall and the shining street lights.

No.15
Maiko Green




Maiko Park has a beautiful view of Awaji Island. This park has precious old pines forest. Maiko green ink has a mature and deep color.

No.25
Tarumi Apricot




From Tarumi hill you can get a full view of the Akashi Strat Bridge and Awaji Island. Also, at this place you can enjoy a beautiful sunset. The Apricot ink is the flaming sun and the feeling of nostalgia.

No.36
Sakaemachi Indig



Good old specialty shops clustered in Sakae Town Street. On the other hand, this street is new and unique culture epicenter in Kobe. Sakae Town Indigo Blue ink crosses future and past.

No.47
Aotani Cascade Green




Aotani town at the foot of Mount Maya. This mountain trail has some small waterfalls. This town is a quiet residential area and school zone. The Cascade Green has the nature's green and water's blue side by side.

No.58
Hyogo Canal Blue




Hyogo canal is a crucial waterway in Kobe. Also, there are old bridges over this waterway. One of those is Owada Bridge. This is made of stone, and has a beautiful arch. Canal blue ink is the color of water ripples seen from the Owada Bridge.

No.69
Kikusui Biotope




Kikusui park has become a biotope, as a fireflies breeding ground.This place of rest is popular among Hyogo people. Biotope plants reflected onto the bubbling brook, casting a beautiful yellow green.

No.6
Kobe Bordeaux




Westside Kobe has low hills, this area grows grapes. Kobe wine is made from these grapes. With this ink you can taste world class Bordeaux in color.

No.16
Nada Brown



Nada is one the best Japanese alcohol brewery. This city shows the traditional flavor and culture to foreign countries. Nada Brown ink is the color of cedar branch balls that hang in front of brewers.

No.26
Wadamisaki Blue



A lot of company factories are working in Wadamisaki. JR Wadamisaki line run only during commuting hours for the bay area. Wadamisaki Blue ink is the color of this rare train.

No.37
Minatojima Island Blue



Kobe Airport is the southernmost of Port Island. This area is called Minatojima. Sky and sunlight reflection shines on the sea on a sunny day. The Blue ink is deep sea color looking on to the boundless sky.

No.48
SuidoSuji Marche Blue
(Suido Avenue
Marche Blue)




About 600 unique stores are in Suido Avenue shopping street. The memories of the good old days has remained in this shopping street. Marche Blue is the ink of peoples vibrant and glitter sea blue.

No.59
Hirano Gion Romance Gray




Hirano Gion Shrine has a panoramic view of the city. Heike samurai leader Kiyomori planned international trades at this shrine. On a rainy day these stones feel romantic. This gray is Shirine's stone stairs color.

No.70
Rokko Forest Blue




Hase pond is Mt Rokko's reflection on the surface of the water that changes each season. An early summer day,that scenely looks like the Water Lilies by Claude Monet. Rokko Forest Blue ink is a mixture of the deep blue water and the warm forest colour.

No.7
Strait Blue




Akashi Strait Bridge is the main traffic point to Shikoku. Prime location overlooking the sea, and this strait is good fishing ground. Please enjoy a deep sea colored ink.

No.17
Shioya Blue



Many foreign nations built cottages in Shioya. These cottages has a view of the Seto Inland Sea. It is the blue color of the never ending and glittering ocean.

No.27
Konan Maroon




Konan area is a livable city and a typical school zone. Hankyu railway running between cities is symbolic landscape. Konan Maroon ink has this graceful train's personal color.

No.38
Kitanosaka Night Blue




Kitano Hill has gentle slopes and an exotic townscape. In the night time many glamorous shops are illuminated under the moon. This Night Blue ink brings a phantasm mood and mellow nightlife.

No.49
Kitano Olive Green




A long time ago. Kitano town had the oldest Japanese olive farm. Nowadays, the importance of olive trees are growing even in Kobe and being revised. This olive green is a brand new, born again color.

No.60
Kobe Ijinkan Mint
(Kobe Kitano Town Villa Mint)




Port city Kobe has a long history of interacting with international people. Therefore, many people from different countries built their villas in the city. The ink is the famous Kitano Town Villa wall's mint green color.

No.71
Ikuta River's Cherry Blossom




Ikuta River is in the south of JR Shin-Kobe station. This station is the gateway to Kobe. Upstream of the Ikuta River is the Nunobiki Waterfall. Also,on the riverside is a place famous or its cherry blossom. Please feel the cherry blossoms blowing in the wind by this ink.

No.8
Arima Amber




Arima hot spring listed on the oldest history book: Chronicles of Japan. The Lord Hideyoshi loved this well-known golden hot spring. Arima Amber ink is majestic and classic.

No.18
Sannomiya pensee
(Sannomiya Pansy)



Flower Road passes through the central area of Kobe Sannomiya. As the name suggests, on Flower Road, many flowers blooms there in the spring. Sannomiya pensees is the color of cute pansies.

No.28
Suzuran Green



Suzurandai is a traditional summer resort spot. Many people stay here for a cool vacation and a relaxing time in the summer. This green is lily of the valley leaf and the town that is the origin of the name this flower.

No.39
Kobe Brick Warehouse



Brick warehouses were built more than 100 years ago in Kobe Port. This cargo spaces supported Kobe ports development and economy at that time. Still even now, brilliant red bricks are reflected in the water. This red ink emanates pride and glory.

No.50
Kyomachi Legend Blue
(Kyo Town Legend Blue)




Kobe City Museum on Kyo Town Street. The museum has many European and Asian art. Also, any foreign countries consulates are located on this street. This blue ink is glitter color. You can feel the legendary history and elegant culture.

No.61
Yuki Goshou Sakura
(Yuki Goshou Cherry Blossom)




Heike samurai leader Lord Kiyomori's villa was in Yukimi Gosyo Town Cherry trees are planted along the river side. This cherry blossom ink has a light shade and looks like cherry buds and petals.

No.72
Sengari Water Blue




Sengari Dam and Dam Lake was built some 100years ago in Dojo Town. This town is the northern limit of Kobe city and is full with nature. Long history dam and the plentiful nature makes the high quality Kobe Water. This water blue ink is the colour of discharging water from Sengari Dam.

No.9
Suma Purple




Many Japanese poets and writers visited Suma. Suma was used in The Tales of Genji and aristocrats' villas were built. Suma Purple ink is the same as the noble color.

No.19
Minatogawa Lime




Kusunoki Masashige is a legendary samurai in Japan. Minatogawa people call him The Lord Kusunoki, and built him a tribute shrine. This lime green is a tribute to Masashige's fame and braveness.

No.29
Suma Beach Blue




Suma beach is most popular sunrise view spot in Kobe. Also, in range of the towering Mount Hachibuse. The mountaintop is in full view. The Blue ink is sky, sea, and city turned in the twilight color.

No.40
Sumiyoshi Brown



Sumiyoshi area is a treasure house of nature in Kobe. Literary giant, Junichiro Tanizaki lived in Sumiyoshi and wrote his representative work "The Makioka Sisters". This brown is the color of many writer's favored tea.

No.51
Kanocho Midnight
(Kano Town Midnight)




Flower Road is Kobe's main street. One of them, Kano Town is a busy business area. Before dawn, the town's sky feels like you will fall into it. Kano town Midnight ink is the darkest hour's blue black.

No.62
Nunobiki Lavender




Nunobiki Herb Garden can see splendid lavender fields in summer time. The fragrance of lavenders comes floating down in the mountain breeze. Lavender ink is spicy and sour color. Please imagine the supreme moment.

No.73
Hyogo-tsu History Blue
(Hyogo Harbour History Blue)




Hyogo-tsu is an important marine transportation hub which has continued from the Heian period. In the early-modern times, they flourished as a port for cargo vessels called Kitamae-bune. This deep blue ink symbolize the long history of Kobe.

No.10
Mikage Gray




Mikage is a rich neighborhood at the foot of Mt.Rokko. There are a number of historical sites in Mikage. The Gray ink draws the cool tone of this town.

No.20
Motomachi Rouge




There are many new and old stores in Motomachi shopping street. The famous landmark Port Tower is just near this street. Motomachi Rouge looks like this big red tower.

No.30
Oji Cherry



Oji Park is a place to rest for Kobe residents. Inside the park is a zoo. In this zoo you can see many rare animals. Here in the spring, pretty cherry blossoms bloom. This ink is the color of the gentle cherries.

No.41
Suma Rikyu Rose
(Suma Imperial Villa Rose)



Suma Imperial Villa Park has one of the greatest rose garden in Kobe. The garden roses bloom in mid-May. Suma Imperial Villa Rose ink is graceful and has royal pomp.

No.52
Shioya Vintage Sepia




A lot of foreign country's traders lived in Shioya. Therefore, this area has an old villas. Even now, those villas use vintage furniture from those days. This sepia is inspired by the stylish old furniture.

No.63
East Park Torch Orange



East Park is the first European styles park in Japan. This park has the Great Hanshin Earthquake victim's memorial monument. Its orange color is the "Torch of Hope" that plays the requiem.

No.74
Myodani Cosmos Red



The Cosmos Hill is a 4,000 square meter hill that extends on the southern slope of Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Myodani City. You can also see the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge from the top of this hill. The cosmos on the hill are in full bloom between late September and late October. Among the many colors of cosmos, this ink expresses the color of the most vibrant large crimson flower.