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KIX Eco Explorers, Episode 1

Set Sail on the “See KIX from the Sea Tour”!

A Joint Program in Support of the 45th National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea

Kansai Airports, the Osaka Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations, and the Osaka Bay Marine Beautification and Safety Association (an NPO) are pleased to jointly announce the “See KIX from the Sea Tour” — the first program in the KIX Eco Explorers series — organized in support of the 45th National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea. The tour will take place at Kansai International Airport on Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2026.

The KIX Eco Explorers is a hands-on environmental education series that offers a fun way to learn about environmental initiatives at Kansai International Airport. In this first program, “See KIX from the Sea Tour,” participants will board a boat to view the airport and its surrounding waters from the sea — a perspective rarely available to the public. They will also learn about the rich marine environment of Osaka Bay and the local fishing industry while enjoying hands-on encounters with fish. By bringing participants closer to the rich natural environment around the airport, the tour aims to deepen their understanding of and interest in marine life, the sea, and the environment. Kansai Airports Group remains committed to creating airports that are people- and environment-friendly. Through initiatives like this that visitors can enjoy, we will work to share the appeal of the airport and travel with as many people as possible.



- **Date and Time:** Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9, 2026
Each day: (1) 10:10 –12:55 / (2) 13:10 –15:55
The event will be held in light rain but canceled in the event of stormy weather.
- **Eligibility:** Students in grades 4 through 9, accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or older
A parent or guardian must accompany each child.
- **Capacity:** 10 pairs / 20 participants per session; 2 sessions per day (choose (1) or (2)); 40 pairs / 80 participants in total
- **Program:**
 - Tour of the airport facilities and surrounding seaweed beds by chartered boat
 - Introduction to environmental conservation efforts in Osaka Bay, along with the fish species and fishing practices found there
 - Aquarium display of red-spotted grouper at the Port Terminal, plus a hands-on release experience and a commemorative photo
- **Application Period:** 14:00 on Friday, July 10, 2026 through noon on Tuesday, July 21, 2026
To apply, visit the event details page below, check the application details and terms, and submit the form provided there.
- **URL:** <https://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/event/20260808>
- **Co-hosted by:** Osaka Prefectural Federation of Fisheries Cooperative Associations; Osaka Bay Marine Beautification and Safety Association (an NPO); Kansai Airports
- **In cooperation with:** Osaka Prefectural Fisheries Promotion Foundation; Osaka Prefecture Executive Committee for the 45th National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea
- **Notes:** The event is subject to change or cancellation due to stormy weather or other circumstances related to facility management and operation.



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Shaping a New Journey



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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 1 April 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% ¹
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yasuaki Mikami Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka Itami Airport		

Kansai Airports Kobe

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



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