

Guidebook for the 8th International Congress of the World Society of Disaster Nursing



Key Visual

This artwork embodies the concept of disaster nursing and aligns with the conference theme of planetary health. It portrays a mother figure symbolizing the protection of all life on Earth, including plants, animals, water, and the children who represent the future.

Artist: Megumi Sakurai

Megumi Sakurai was born in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture. She has been passionate about drawing since childhood, often losing track of time with just paper and a pencil. After experiencing the Great Hanshin Earthquake, she decided against pursuing art university studies. Instead, she focused on developing her artistic style and traveled abroad to broaden her perspectives and refine her craft. Specializing in pencil and pen drawings, Megumi initially worked exclusively in black and white but has recently incorporated color into her creations. She has been a close friend of Kanbara, the competition organizer, for 25 years.

Outline

Dates: November 30 – December 1, 2024

Venue: Kobe City College of Nursing

Theme: Rethinking Disaster Nursing in a Changing Risk Environment

From Primary Health Care to Social Innovation in the Health of the Planet and People

The World Society for Disaster Nursing (WSDN24) is an international conference that brings together disaster nursing researchers and professionals from around the globe. The aim is to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and discussion, explore disaster nursing practices, and envision future developments.

This forum integrates local and global knowledge to formulate policy recommendations and actionable strategies for disaster risk reduction. The main program aligns with the **Seven Pledges of the Bangkok Declaration** and the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction**, assessing progress toward 2030, proposing further actions, and advancing disaster nursing and health resilience.

Registration:

[Register here](#)

Dates and Venues

- **November 29:** JICA Kansai
[JICA Kansai International Center, 1-5-2 Wakahama Kaigandori, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Japan](#)
- **November 30 & December 1:** Kobe City College of Nursing
[3-4 Gakuen-Nishi-machi, Nishi-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan](#)

Basic Structure

(A) International Academic Conference

This conference provides a platform for professionals from Japan and abroad to share the latest findings and practices in disaster nursing through main sessions and poster presentations.

- **November 29:**
13:00–16:00 | WHO Kobe Centre Co-organized Forum (Pre-event)
Venue: JICA Kansai
 - **November 30:**
09:00–18:30 | International Academic Conference (Day 1)
Venue: Main Hall, Kobe City College of Nursing
 - **December 1:**
09:00–18:30 | International Academic Conference (Day 2)
Venue: Main Hall, Kobe City College of Nursing
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(B) Social Program

A free public program hosted by Kobe City College of Nursing to deepen understanding of the conference theme and foster community collaboration through exhibits and hands-on activities.

- **November 30:** 12:00–17:00
 - **December 1:** 09:00–14:00
- Venue: [Kobe City College of Nursing Gymnasium](#)
Event: Disaster Risk Reduction and Nursing MEETUP!
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(C) Excursion

An opportunity to explore the city of Kobe while learning about its history, culture, and recovery progress following the earthquake.

- **Dates:** November 28–December 1
 - **Information Spots:**
 - [Kobe City College of Nursing Gymnasium](#)
 - [Hyogo International House](#)
 - [KICC \(Kobe International Community Center\)](#)
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(D) On-demand Delivery

To maximize the impact of the International Research Meeting, recordings of the main sessions will be made available for six months after the event. These materials will be suitable for research and educational purposes.

Friday, November 29, 11:00-21:00

(C) Excursion Mini Tour (1)

Walk around the HAT Kobe area and learn about Kobe's reconstruction efforts

Schedule: Friday, November 29, 11:00–12:00

Meeting Place: Information desk, 1st floor, [Hyogo International House](#)

Participants will walk together through HAT Kobe to JICA Kansai. Lunch will be served at the JICA Kansai cafeteria.

(A) WKC Forum (separate registration required)

Date: November 29, 2024, 13:00–16:00

Number of Participants: Limited to 150 (online viewing available)

(Conference registration + advance registration required)

- Information: <https://wsdn2024.com/information/7>
- Pre-registration: <https://officepolaris.co.jp/form/view.php?id=106898>

Location: JICA Kansai

1-5-2 Wakihama Kaigandori, Chuo-ku, Kobe

[Google Maps](#)

Access: 12-minute walk from JR Nada Station

The WKC Forum, jointly organized with the WHO Kobe Centre, will explore topics related to planetary health, smart cities, well-being, and disaster nursing.

(A) WSDN Board of Directors Meeting (Directors only)

Date: November 29, 2024, 17:30–18:30

Location: ANCHOR Kobe

Kobe Sannomiya Hankyu Building, 15F, 4-2-1 Kano-machi, Chuo-ku, Kobe

[Google Maps](#)

(C) WKC Forum & WSDN24 Joint Kickoff Party

"Smiles and Gratitude for the Health and Resilience of the Earth and People"

Date: November 29, 2024, 19:00–21:00

Location: Nada Gogo Sake Brewery (inside Kenryo Sake Brewery)

3-11-2 Mikagehoncho, Higashinada-ku, Kobe, Japan

[Google Maps](#)

This is a networking event where participants from different countries can connect while understanding the conference themes.

The venue, a traditional sake brewery, offers a tasting experience of approximately 40 varieties of sake from the 26 breweries in Nada-Gogo. Enjoy food pairings alongside live music and speeches by researchers in a unique and cultural setting.

Day 1: Saturday, November 30, 9:00–18:30

Program Details: <https://wsdn2024.com/information/10>

9:00 – Opening Ceremony

- **Performances:**
 - Musician: Asato Yasui, Koto Player: Norie Morikawa
 - Aikido Performance: Kobe University School of Medicine Aikido Club
- **Opening Remarks:** Koji Egawa, President, Kobe City College of Nursing
- **Welcome Speech:** Sonoe Masino, President, World Society of Disaster Nursing
- **Guest of Honor Address:** (TBA)
- **Conference Overview:** Sakiko Kanbara, President, 8th World Congress of Disaster Nursing

9:30 – President Lecture

- **Rethinking Disaster Nursing in a Changing Risk Environment**
Speaker: Sakiko Kanbara (Kobe City College of Nursing)

9:55 – Keynote Speech

- **"Message from Noto to the World"**
 - Speaker: Atsuko Nishigaki (Former Vice Governor, Ishikawa Prefecture)

10:30 – Special Lecture

- **"Message from Disaster Nursing to Disaster Nursing"**
 - Speaker: Hiroko Minami (Former President of the International Association of Nurses)

10:55 – **Session 1:** Panel Discussion

- **Topic:** Capacity Building
 - Speakers: Alison Hutton (Western Sydney University) and others

12:05 – Lunch Break

13:30 – **Session 2:** Panel Discussion

- **Topic:** Leadership
 - Speakers: Yoshiki Hiruma (Development Bank of Japan) and others

14:45 – **Session 3:** Oral Presentations

- **Topic:** Reports from Disaster Sites
 - Speakers: Seunyoung Joe and others

16:00 – **Session 4:** Oral Presentations

- **Topic:** Innovation in Education and Training
 - Speakers: Guy Collins and others
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Day 2: Sunday, December 1, 9:00–12:30

9:00 – Session 5

- **Topic:** Health System Resilience in Disasters
 - Presenter: Miriam Peters and others

10:10 – Session 6: Panel Discussion

- **Topic:** Data Management and Visualization
 - Speakers: Makoto Hanashima (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention) and others

11:20 – Session 7: Overview and Policy Recommendations

- Speakers: Rajib Shaw (Keio University) and others
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Workshops

- **Dates:** November 30 – December 1
 - Seven workshops will focus on disaster nursing, healthcare innovation, and crisis management.
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Lightning Talks

- **Dates:** November 30 – December 1
 - More than 150 lightning talks across 15 sessions will share lessons learned from disaster research and practice worldwide.
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Networking Lounge

"Hospitality and Global Connections"

This space allows global disaster nursing researchers and health professionals to collaborate. It features traditional Japanese cultural experiences such as tea ceremonies, flower arrangements, and calligraphy.

Schedule:

- **November 30:**
 - **Lunch:** 11:30 AM (Jazz performance)
 - **Break:** 3:00 PM
 - **Cultural Experiences:** 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
 - **Reception:** 5:20 PM–7:30 (Award presentation)

Joint Digest with Public

- **Date:** December 1: 12:30 -13:30
- After the Closing Ceremony, participants will tour the exhibition halls in the gymnasium, followed by a summary of the conference over light refreshments.

Mini Tour 2

Experiencing Nagata's Diverse Communities and Resilience

- **Date:** December 1, 13:30
- **Meeting Points:**
 - Kobe City College of Nursing: 13:30
 - Shin-Nagata Station: 14:30
- **Route:** Takatori Church → Futaba Gakkosha → "Shitamachi no Eki Roken" at Rokumamichi Shopping Arcade

(B) Public Open House

(For General Public and Students, Free Admission)

Dates and Times:

- **November 30:** 12:00–17:30
- **December 1:** 9:00–14:00

Venue:

Kobe City College of Nursing Gymnasium and Schoolyard

Exhibition Disaster x Nursing Meets Up! "Culture and Innovation"

Theme:

A Place to Learn Disaster Nursing and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Community

This special event marks the 30th anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, a milestone that also celebrates the emergence of disaster nursing as a critical field of research and education. The event invites professionals from diverse fields, students, and the general public to learn and engage with disaster nursing, fostering greater community awareness and resilience.

What is Disaster Nursing?

Disaster nursing involves nursing activities aimed at protecting the health and lives of communities during disasters—not limited to hospitals. It encompasses a wide range of activities, including:

- **Understanding Risk:** Prioritizing care for critically ill patients in emergencies.
- **Emergency Relief:** Escape from hazards and provide immediate response during disasters.
- **Health Care in Evacuation Centers:** Ensuring the well-being of displaced individuals, supporting individuals affected by disasters.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Maintain own health and long-term recovery efforts.

Disaster nurses collaborate with professionals from various fields to provide comprehensive support and strengthen community resilience

Public Participation Program

This open house will feature hands-on exhibits and workshops designed for all ages to enjoy while learning about disaster preparedness and nursing.

Key Concepts:

1. **A: Japanese Culture and Education**
2. **B: Resilience x Adaptive Technology**
3. **C: Health Care x Inclusion**
4. **D: Nature x Food**

Workshops and Activities:

- **Smartphone Evacuation Drill:** Learn how to use smartphones and apps for evacuation drills.
 - **VR Experience:** Experience a simulated evacuation center through virtual reality.
 - **Digital response and recovery Map:** Parents and children can create a disaster prevention map to understand risk and response.
 - **Community Health Post:** Consult with a nurse about health concerns and well-being.
 - **Sustainable Lifestyle Workshop:** Explore sustainable food and health practices for risk scenarios.
 - **Future Disaster Management with Drones:** A seminar on the use and potential of drones during disasters.
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Cultural Exhibits and Knowledge Sharing

The event will also feature:

- Video clips and exhibits showcasing community development and recovery after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.
- Stories of disaster site activities and the evolution of disaster nursing.

Kobe's strong disaster awareness and community resilience will be highlighted, providing valuable insights into disaster preparedness and recovery.

(C) Excursion: Meet the People and Communities Behind Kobe's Recovery

The **WSDN24 Excursions** is a hands-on program that allows conference participants and the public to freely explore Kobe under the theme of “**healthy, safe, and secure living.**” The program highlights local activities and disaster prevention tourism resources in Kobe, a city that has successfully recovered from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.

Participants can use a **web map** and **digital passport** to tailor their visits based on individual interests. Insights from usage logs and survey results will contribute to future tourism policies. Additionally, this excursion serves as a business demonstration for the Japan Tourism Agency, with flexible participation options for conference attendees.

We invite you to discover Kobe's charm, linking its reconstruction with its future.

Guide to Each Spot (*in preparation*):

<https://wsdn2024-ex.com/>

Mini Tours: Explore Kobe's Resources for Health and Mutual Aid

Mini Tour 1: Walk Around the HAT Kobe Area

Learn about Kobe's reconstruction efforts in this guided tour.

- **Schedule:** Friday, November 29, 11:00 (start)
- **Meeting Place:** Information Center, Hyogo International House (1F)
 - **Address:** 1-2-8 Wakahama-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo
 - **Access:** 5-minute walk from JR Nada Station
 - [Google Maps](#)
- **Location:** HAT Kobe Area
- **Course Highlights:**
 - Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art
 - Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution

- Hyogo Disaster Medical Center
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Mini Tour 2: Experience Nagata's Diverse Communities and Resilience

Immerse yourself in the community spirit of Nagata, a hub of resilience and recovery.

- **Schedule:** Sunday, December 1
 - 13:30 Meeting Place: Kobe City College of Nursing
 - 14:30 Meeting Place: Shin-Nagata Station (*Details to be posted online later*)
 - **Location:** Nagata Area
 - **Course Highlights:**
 - Shin-Nagata Station
 - Takatori Church
 - Futaba School House
 - Rokumamichi Shopping Street
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Information Spots

Participants can also gather information at the following locations:

1. **Kobe City College of Nursing Gymnasium**
 2. **Hyogo International House**
 - 1 Chome-2-8 Wakino Hamacho
 3. **Kobe International Community Center (KICC)**
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Contact Information

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Venue Information

Access to Kobe City College of Nursing

From Kansai International Airport

By Limousine Bus + Train:

1. Take a limousine bus to Sannomiya Station. <https://www.kate.co.jp/en/>
2. From Sannomiya, take the Kobe Municipal Subway Seishin-Yamate Line to Gakuentoshi Station.
3. Walk approximately 10 minutes from Exit 1 to the venue.

From Sannomiya Station

By Train:

- Take the Kobe Municipal Subway **Seishin-Yamate Line** to Gakuentoshi Station.
- Travel Time: Approximately 20 minutes.
- The venue is a 10-minute walk from Exit 1.

By Taxi:

- Approximately 20 minutes from Sannomiya Station or Shin-Kobe Station.
 - Estimated Fare: Around 8,000 yen.
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For Those Coming by Car

- Public transportation is highly recommended, as no parking is available at the venue.
- If driving, please use the parking lot near Gakuentoshi Station.

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Kobe City College of Nursing

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