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To students preparing to search for the Self-Arranged Accommodation

General Advice for house hunting in Japan

As you search for a suitable accommodation, please keep in mind the following points:

- KGU Nishinomiya Uegahara Campus (NUC) is KGU's main campus and where you will have to attend most courses available to exchange students. Here is the location of the campus:
[1-155 Uegahara Ichiban-Cho, Nishinomiya, Hyogo, JAPAN](#)
- KGU will not be able to provide support to students who elect to live very far from campus and therefore strongly advise you find an accommodation in one of the following cities (in order of closeness to NUC):
Nishinomiya, Takarazuka, Ashiya, Amagasaki, Kobe
- Commuting is expensive in Japan and as exchange student at KGU, you will only receive a student discounted commuter pass for the Hankyu Line and/or Hanshin Line part of your commute. You will not be able to apply for the student discount for any other line (JR, Osaka Metro, Kobe Metro...).

※ Remarks:

KGU is not affiliated to any of the below entities.

The name and links are provided for the sole purpose to help students in their search of suitable accommodations and shall not be seen as an endorsement by the university.

Prospective students interested should exercise due diligence when contracting a lease.

Apartment rentals:

- ※ Most apartment rental will require you to have a guarantor. Please understand that KGU will not be your guarantor. You should make sure to secure your own guarantor or pay extra for a guarantor company (your realtor will advise you on this issue).
- ※ Additional fees are commonly required when renting out an apartment such as “key money”, a non-refundable deposit, which can often be very expensive.
- ※ Most apartment rentals in Japan will not be furnished if there is no indication of the contrary.
- ※ Due to a recent change in the Minpaku-Law(民泊法), the law regulating AirBnB in Japan, we do not recommend you use this otherwise popular service for your mid to long term accommodation.

For apartment rentals, the below websites offer English language:

Unilife	Unilife English Language HP (Apartments near Kwansei Gakuin University)
Gaijinpot Apartments	Gaijinpot Apartments (Hyogo Prefecture Search)
Best Estate	Best Estate (Apartments in Hyogo)



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Homestay:

- ※ For students who would prefer an immersive experience, finding a host family through a private entity is also an option.
- ※ Please enquire to learn more about what can be provided by the host family and prices.

Homestay in Japan	https://homestay-in-japan.com/guest/en/
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Share Houses:

- ※ Most shares houses will provide all the living essentials, such as bedding and cooking utensils.
- ※ In very few cases, shares houses will require a guarantor. Please understand that KGU will not be your guarantor. You should make sure to secure your own guarantor or pay extra for a guarantor company (the share house management will advise you on this issue).

Please refer the below websites for share houses:

Hitsuji Fudosan (JP only)	https://kansai.hituji.jp/
Guest House Bank	Hyogo Shared Houses Guest House Bank
Share House	sharehouse.in - Let's live together
Shares	Share Houses Featured on Kansai - [Shares]

Find a short collection of share houses and other guest houses websites below.

Organized by city (in order of closeness to NUC):

[Nishinomiya City - 西宮市](#)

[Amagasaki City- 尼崎市](#)

[Takarazuka City - 宝塚市](#)

[Kobe City - 神戸市](#)

Nishinomiya City- 西宮市

Name	Diversity Koyoen	ダイバーシティ甲陽園
● Line	Hankyu Line	阪急線
● Station	Koyoen Station	甲陽園
Link	https://sharehouse.in/eng/house/detail/2549/	

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Name	Egg Kangakumae	egg 関学前
Location	Walking distance 1min to KGU	徒歩圏内 1分
Link(JP only)	https://kansai.hituji.jp/comret/info/hyogo/nishinomiya/egg-kangaku-mae	



Takarazuka City- 宝塚市

Name	D SHARE HOUSE NIGAWA	D-シェアハウス仁川
Location	Walking distance 20min to KGU	徒歩圏内 20分
Link(JP only)	https://kansai.hituji.jp/comret/info/hyogo/takarazuka/d-share-house-nigawa	



Amagasaki City- 尼崎市

Name	Social Residence Academia Osaka Amagasaki	ソーシャルレジデンスアカデミア大阪尼崎
● Line	Hanshin Line	阪神線
● Station	Amagasaki Centerpoolmae Station	尼崎センタープール前
Link	https://www.oakhouse.jp/eng/house/1036	

Name	Class House Inadera	Class House 稲寺
● Line	Hankyu Line	阪急線
● Station	Inano Station	稲野
Link	https://sharehouse.in/eng/house/detail/2693/	



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Kobe City- 神戸市

Name	DK House Kobe	DK House 神戸
● Line	Hanshin Line	阪神線
● Station	Shinzaike Station	新在家
Link	http://www.e-guesthouse.com/eng/kobe/	

Name	Hankyu Rokko House	阪急六甲ハウス
● Line	Hankyu Line	阪急線
● Station	Rokko Station	六甲
Link	http://www.guesthousebank.com/a_detail/q_13869/L/en/	

Name	Kobe Stocker Uozaki	神戸ストッカー 魚崎
● Line	Hanshin Line	阪神線
● Station	Uozaki	魚崎
Link	https://sharehouse.in/eng/house/detail/2922/	

Name	Kobe Stockers Kitano Share House	神戸ストッカーズ 北野シェアハウス
● Line	Hankyu Line	阪急線
● Station	Sannomiya Station	三宮
Link	https://shares.house/a_detail/q_12441/L/en/	

Name	SHARE HOUSE KOBE BUNKA APARTMENT	神戸文化住宅・北野アニルド
● Line	Hankyu Line	阪急線
● Station	Sannomiya Station	三宮
Link(JP only)	https://kansai.hituji.jp/comret/info/hyogo/kobe/share-house-kobe-bunka-apartment	

