Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake: Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture; Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction of Rokkomichi Station South District,

Realizing Development of Town Centering Around Rokkomichi Minami Park, Where Disaster Management and Liveliness Coexist

**Overview of Efforts**

- Although Rokkomichi Station South District was designated as the eastern sub-center in the “Kobe City Comprehensive Master Plan” in 1965 and a station square was installed at the south side of JR Rokkomichi Station, the district remained as a low-use district where a mixture of residential, commercial and business-use buildings was found.
- The district suffered severe damage by the earthquake. 80% of buildings were fully or partially destroyed. By incorporating the residents' opinions, the Urban Area Redevelopment Project made possible to reconstruct the urban area, develop disaster management bases centered around disaster prevention parks, supply quality housing, revitalize the district, and provide city functions appropriate for the eastern sub-center of Kobe City.

**Points of Efforts**

1. **Promotion of Town Development Reflecting Residents' Opinions**
   - Also in the Urban Area Redevelopment Project, town development reflecting the residents’ opinions was promoted, by utilizing the means of “two-step urban planning”, “organization of town development council” and “expert consultants”, in order to achieve an early reconstruction and to build consensus among the residents.

2. **Development of Town as a Disaster Prevention Model City**
   - By developing Rokkomichi Minami Park as a disaster prevention park in the middle of the district and moving a ward office from outside of the district to install next to the park, the district’s function as a sub-center was enhanced and the district’s function as a disaster management base in the event of a disaster was strengthened.
   - In the park, a 100-ton earthquake-resistant fire protection water tank, a storage space for disaster prevention equipment, and a sewage facility for temporary toilets were installed. Next to the park, wide evacuation routes were installed to the south and north directions.
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