## **Kobe-Brisbane Sister-City 35th Anniversary**

In 2020 Kobe and Brisbane celebrate 35 years of strong ties through their Sister-City relationship.

Since the agreement was signed on 16 July 1985, both cities have worked to strengthen relations through a range of initiatives such as education and sporting exchanges, as well as civic, cultural and business activities. There are also plans for Kobe City to play host to the Australian Paralympic team as part of their training in the lead up to the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo, to be held in 2021.

The cities have supported each other during times of need, including the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake in Kobe and the 2011 Brisbane Floods, and despite COVID-19, we look forward to seeing the relationship between these two port cities continue to florish for years to come.

