

KOBE POLAR BEAR SWIM

January
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2026



MAIKO BEACH



The KCA in cooperation with the JCK, invite you to “**jump into**” the New Year with a quick dip in the sea at our annual Kobe Polar Bear Swim. Those who are less than enthusiastic about freezing their butts off are invited to cheer on the swimmers in one of Kobe’s most iconic settings. Bring your friends and family to join the fun.

**11:30 am meet at Azur Maiko near the “Be Kobe” sign
Swim begins at 12:00 sharp!**

The Kobe Lifesaving Club will be in the water to ensure our safety, so we ask that you **arrive in time to jump in at 12 o'clock**.



5 minutes on foot from JR Maiko Station. Head to the beach and turn left (east). We hold the swim to the east of the Setre Hotel. Look for the Canadian Flags!

- ※ After the swim, everyone can enjoy a potluck on the beach. Please bring food and drinks to share.
- ※ Taiheinoyu, a Japanese hot spring, is a 5-minute walk away. Many swimmers opt to hop into the hot baths there after the event. An incredible way to start 2026!

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