SLIDES ON THE HYOGO-KEN NANBU (KOBE) EARTHQUAKE OF JANUARY 17, 1995

SET VI: REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS

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March 1996. Ikuta Shrine, under repair here, is a large, prominent Shinto Shrine very close to downtown Kobe. It is heavily used for weddings and other ceremonies, and receives many visitors. The roof of the main shrine building collapsed in the earthquake.
June 1996. After one and a half years, the reconstructed shrine is fully operational.
March 1996. Repairs to a gate in Nankin-machi (Chinatown).
November 1996. Same gate, repairs completed.
January 1995. Saifukuji is a Buddhist temple in Nishinomiya, the city to the east of Kobe. The main temple structure survived the earthquake, with some nonstructural damage. Many surrounding buildings on the temple grounds were destroyed, as was much of the temple's neighborhood.
SAIFUKUJI, A BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Same view in March 1996.
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March 1996. Same view; porch repaired.
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March 1996. Destroyed traditional buildings on the temple grounds have been replaced with functional modern structures.
SAIFUKUJI, A BUDDHIST TEMPLE

March 1996. The main temple structure is being repaired in the traditional style.
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Temporary buildings on the temple grounds.
Western Style Historic Architecture

Because of the influence of foreign merchants in Kobe since 1868, there are many historic western-style buildings.

March 1996. Kazami-dori was built in the western style by a European merchant in 1915. It is an important cultural property, owned by the City, and maintained as a major tourist attraction in the Kitano district. The rooster atop its weathervane is a symbol of Kobe. Because tourism is an important industry in Kobe and was severely impacted by the earthquake, the restoration of this house was a high priority.
WESTERN STYLE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

June 1996. As a way of mitigating the temporary loss of Kazami-dori, the City of Kobe installed a photo mural of the house on the construction curtain.
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March 1996. Repairs on another western-style house in the Kitano district.
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Japanese-style roof tiles from a damaged western-style house.
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Yet another house in the district undergoing repairs.
WESTERN STYLE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

June 1996. Nineteenth-century western-style commercial buildings in the Old Settlement. These buildings had been retrofitted and incorporated into a new development before the earthquake. They suffered little damage. Other buildings in this area were badly damaged.