Satellite Agency of Action Research Center for Human & Community Development, Graduate School of Cultural Studies & Human Sciences, Kobe University

# **ARCH**

## **GOAL**

ARCH provides the space where local residents like children, families and their supporters of every attribute empower themselves and try to solve many personal and/or social problems spontaneously for realizing an inclusive society. The participants are expected to form and manage networks by increasing mutual support among them.

#### **OUTLINE**

The site was once used as an administrative office, and there we made a start on ARCH in September 2005 as a satellite agency of Kobe University under the cooperation memorandum with City of Kobe. A stirring committee for the preparation had already been established in January 2005. It was composed of individual residents, teachers & students of Kobe University and other colleges as well as personnel from companies, non-profit organizations and so forth. It still works very actively.

We have a lot of programs served daily by voluntary staff to realize the goal stated above. In spite of the program variation, i.e. triggers, forms, and target users, all of the providers and the consumers are expected to admit such diversity and to form an intimate relationship one another.

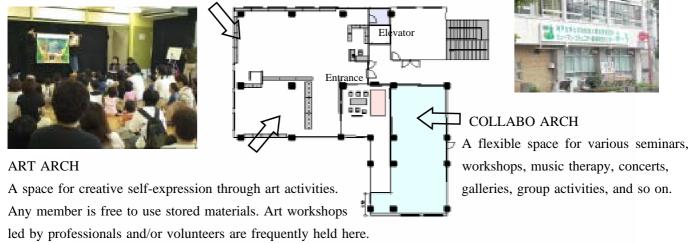
#### **MEMBERSHIP**

All individuals of any attribute can be our members and enjoy almost all the service programs for free of charge.

## SPACE LAYOUT (about 350 square meters)

FLAT ARCH

A drop-in space for local parents and children. They enjoy playing, talking and information exchanging with one another as well as with the staff.







### INFORMATION

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