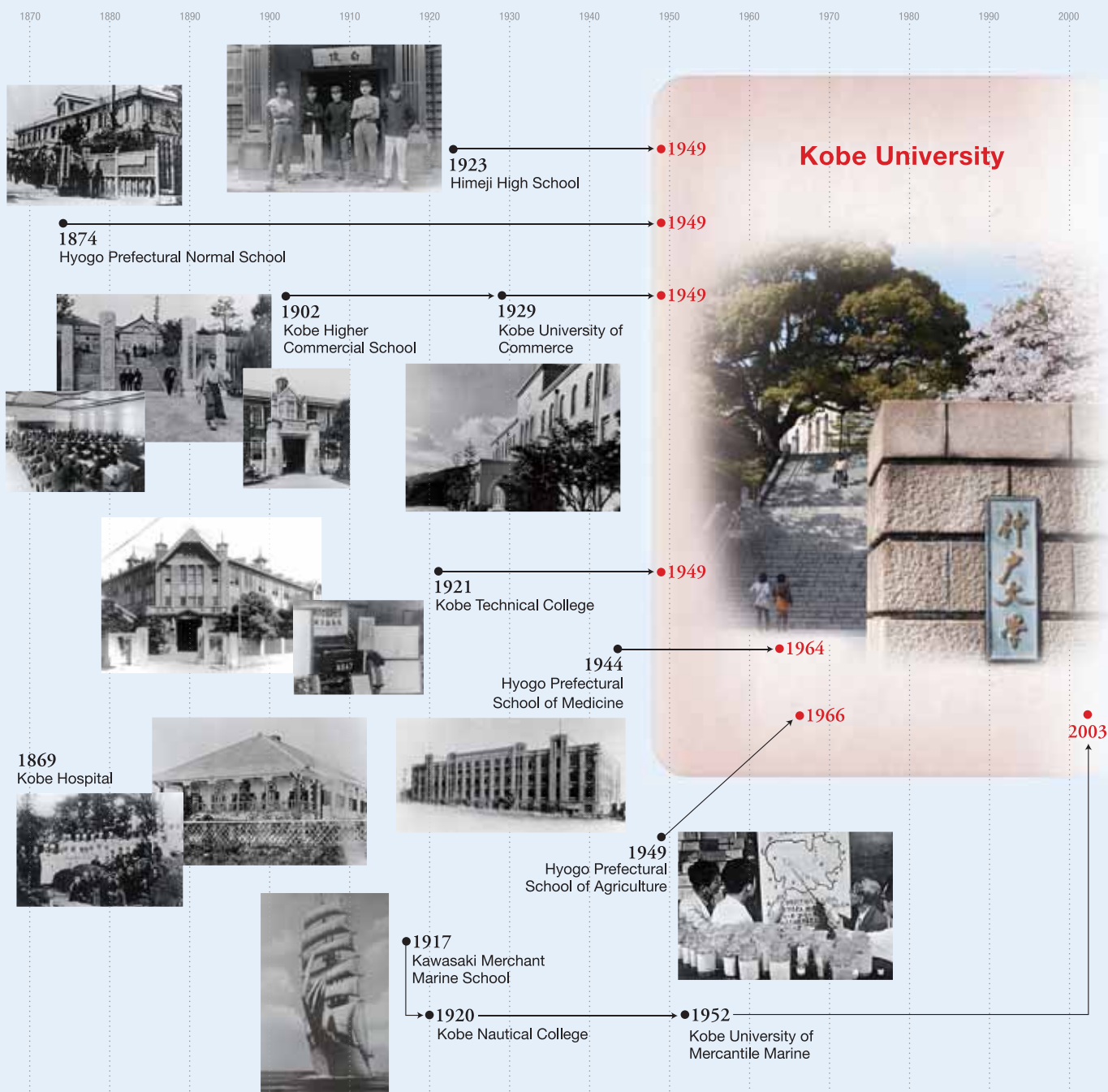


## Brief Historical Chart



### Brief History

Kobe University's inception can be traced back to March 1902 with the establishment of Kobe Higher Commercial School.

In April 1929, the School was renamed Kobe University of Commerce, and in October 1944, it was once more renamed to become Kobe University of Economics.

In May 1949, Hyogo Normal School, Hyogo Junior Normal School, Kobe Technical College, Himeji High School, and Kobe University of Economics were brought together to become Kobe University.

In the initial stage, Kobe University began with six faculties. Since then, new faculties and graduate schools were added, as well as reorganized for the enhancement of its academic environment.

In October 1992, the Division of Liberal Arts and the Faculty of

Education were reformed, resulting in the creation of the Faculty of Cross-Cultural Studies, the Faculty of Human Development, and the Research Institute for Higher Education. At the same time, the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies was newly established.

Kobe University integrated Kobe University of Mercantile Marine (KUMM) in October 2003, and was reborn as "new Kobe University".

According to this integration, Faculty of Maritime Sciences, Sea Training Course and Maritime Sciences Division, Graduate School of Science and Technology were newly established.

Today, each faculty has its own graduate program, which promotes a better academic environment for students and researchers.