

International Civil Aviation Symposium
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Mr. Okuda’s speech

Thank you for the introduction. My name is Okuda, the executive director of JTTRI. First of all I'd like to express my appreciation to all for your participation and also thanks extended to the distinguished guests, speakers as well as panelists, especially to those of you from the United States who attended seminar in Washington, D.C. and came back here again. Thank you very much for your participation and contribution.

Introduction was made by Chairman Shukuri about my assumption of the post two weeks ago, and before that I was with MLIT and therefore I had experienced two positions in conjunction with a theme of the seminar. From 2013 to 2014, I was Director-General, Aviation Network Department, Civil Aviation Bureau and Mr. Tamura was my boss. I used to discuss with him the roles, functions and capacities of Haneda and Narita and especially how we can maintain or even improve the value of Narita. So I was just recalling those days that I was discussing with Mr. Tamura. At that time, the suggestion was made that there may only be one way to increase capacity of Haneda, that is to give a fresh look at the flight paths.

Also, the mention was made about adding one more runway in Narita and so on. From 2009 to 2011 when I was Director, Capital Area Airports Division, Civil Aviation Bureau, I was also involved in consensus building for the local communities of Narita and Haneda, where the capacity of landing was 520000 in total. About how we can raise it up to their levels that is comparable to New York and London, that is 1 million. Some suggested us that it was too ambitious. But now we believe that is our goal 1 million, the slots that is within the sites and therefore we hold the great expectation to that. Needless to say, the network of Haneda and Narita should be important as the core of the hub function in Japan in the future. Moreover, considering other airports such as Kansai, Chubu, New-Chitose and Fukukoka, we should think about how Japan can form its domestic and international aviation network and how Japan as well as related countries can gain maximum benefits from development of Japanese airports.

We had very useful discussion here today and based upon discussions that we had so far. We'd like to give further thoughts to the aviation network. I'd like to turn to you asking for your support and continue the cooperation with us.

Before conclusion, I'd like to once again wish the seminar could have been useful to you. And also wishing for the great success of all the guests, panelists as well as participants. With this, I like to conclude my closing remarks. Thank you.