

JBAA Activity Report May 2007

Airport

Tokyo Narita Airport, the main gate of Japan had assured minimum of five slots per day for business aviation.

However last Nov. the number was reduced to three because of high airlines traffic demand between China.

The new restriction allow to use A run way (used to be B run way only assigned) and Impose no limit as long as slots are available regardless of assurance of three slots Since then actual number of slots allocated to business aviation has been average of four per day.

Expansion of capacity of Tokyo International Airport, Haneda adding fourth runway, increasing its capacity by 40% will be delayed one year to 2010.

Although there has been JCAB's intention to limit international usage to short haul such as 1900Km, the public voice become strong to remove such a limit.

In Japan population and economical activities are concentrated to especially to Tokyo megalopolis.

Since mid 90's many local airports in all over the country were newly constructed or renovated in order to activate the district by improving airline traffic between Haneda (Saga Airport, New Kita Kyushu Airport, Kobe Airport ,Nagoya Airport and etc.)

However because of limited airport capacity of Haneda and because of economical efficiency of airline side , the number of flight a day did not reach original expectation (far less) and will not in the foreseeable future.

There will be a lot of chance for business aviation.

Events and Activities

On Feb. 09 "ABACE Japan Regional Forum in Nagoya, Aichi" was held in Nagoya Airport. This first biggest international event of business aviation in Japan was sponsored by NBAA and co-sponsored by U.S. Department of Commerce, Aichi Prefecture, and JBAA.

Also officially supported by many organization including Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the former governs operations and the latter manufacturing.

11 airplanes were exhibited for static display and 10 booths were opened.

Responding our invitation (The forum was not open to public) about 550 visitors participated the forum exceeding our original expectation and

reflecting high interest in business aviation.

Key note speech was made by Mr. Ed Bolen and then by Mr. Don Spruston and subsequently two panel discussions "The Present and Future State of Business Aviation in Japan", and "Challenges in Developing Business Jets for the Next Generation Air Transport System " were made.

Audiences were eagerly participated and sponsors and supporters concerned were satisfied.

We hope the forum will be icebreaker.

