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Construction begins on the second runway with a view to launching operations as of 2007

The process of reclaiming land required for Kansai International Airport’s second runway now complete, construction began at the second phase airport island as of October 1st. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on the second phase airport island on the day construction began, attended by some 600 people including Kazuo Kitagawa, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation, Taro Nakayama, member of the House of Representatives (LDP) and Chairman of the Dietmen Federation for the Promotion of Kansai International, Fusae Ota, Governor of Osaka, and Yoshihisa Akiyama, Chairman of the Kansai Economic Federation. The completion of reclamation work and the launch of runway construction were celebrated with tree planting and tape-cutting events.

Construction on the second phase works, which encompasses the second runway and related facilities, began in July 1999 in response to expanding demand for international aviation services, rooted in the strong economic growth of the Asian nations, as well as for the purpose of creating a hub airport that fits the global standard of multiple runways and 24-hour service. Over a period of six years, a new man-made island, approximately 545 hectares in size, has been reclaimed parallel to the first phase island. The depth of the water of the reclaimed area measures 19.5 meters on average. In preparation for launch of operations at the beginning of 2007, a 4000-meter runway and related facilities will be built. Working toward our goal of becoming a full-fledged international airport, we at Kansai International Airport are moving ahead with plans to make our facilities complete by anticipating future needs.

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