Expansion of Visa issuance to Chinese tour groups

As of July 25th, visas for Chinese tour groups traveling to Japan are now issued for the whole of China, whereas previously they had only been issued in three cities and five provinces. This decision, arrived at with the agreement of the Japanese and Chinese governments in early July, is intended to boost cultural exchange between the two countries as well as the number of tourists traveling from China to Japan. Since Kansai International Airport links a total of 14 cities in China, which is the most of any Japanese airport, the new policy was greatly welcomed by Kansai International Airport Co., Ltd. The first day of the change, July 25th, was marked with a ceremony to greet the first arrivals from China. At the ceremony, the Chinese tour group was presented with a bouquet of flowers and commemorative gifts in an expression of welcome, and a wish for the further development of China-Japan relations was made.

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