

# ***Kansai International Airport News Release***

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## **The Second Phase Plan of Kansai International Airport**

Kansai International Airport (KIX) opened its second runway on August 2, 2007. With the aim of enabling the airport to become Japan's first international cargo hub airport and in the future serve as a gateway connecting the Kansai region with Asia and the rest of the world, Kansai International Airport Co., Ltd. (KIAC) will continue to improve airport facilities.

With the aim of meeting the above goals as well as accommodating expected annual international cargo volume of 1.4 million to 2.5 million tons in 2017 (currently 800,000 tons/year) and expected annual international passengers of 17 million to 20 million in 2017 (currently 11.2 million/year), KIAC established a Second Phase Plan Committee of experts. This committee will formulate a new plan for airport facilities such as cargo facilities and a passenger terminal to be constructed on the second phase airport island.

Main points of the new second phase plan:

1. The original plan primarily focused on passenger demand. However, considering the rapid construction and shortage of cargo facilities on the first phase airport island in recent years, and future cargo demand growth, the new plan recommends providing more space for the cargo area on the second phase airport island.
2. The new plan recommends that KIX become a unique airport that can flexibly meet a variety of needs by taking advantage of such strengths as 24-hour operation and the availability of sufficient space on the second phase airport island.
3. The plan recommends that airport facility improvements be flexibly implemented in a focused and phased manner, depending on the business performance and demand trends of KIX.

Now that the cargo facilities on the first phase airport island have already reached capacity, construction of cargo facilities on the second phase airport island is in urgent need.

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