

Comprehensive Study of Fukuoka Airport Public Involvement (PI) Report Step 2

In this paper, we describes that the role of Fukuoka Airport in relation to the future prospect of Kyushu region. Based on this role, we also describes the estimation of the demand forecast of Fukuoka Airport.

> Let's explore together about Fukuoka Airport that will support the region in the future.

Ministry of land, infrastructure and Transport (MLIT), Fukuoka Prefectural Government and City of Fukuoka organized Fukuoka Airport Study Commission (FASC) and started a study in order that the airport will maintain airborne network and provide proper services to the passengers in the future.

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What is PI?

Public involvement is the process of involving the public in the early stages of the transportation planning process through completion.

Output from the first PI step survey is;

The capacity of Fukuoka Airport is assessed 145 thousands aircraft take-offs & landings per year. While the airport handled 136 thousands aircraft take-offs & landings in FY 2003, deterioration of service for passenger and inefficient aircraft operation are found in the airport.

If parallel taxiway is installed in front of domestic terminal, the capacity will be expected 149 thousands aircraft take-offs & landings in a year. The capacity of the airport, the service and the operational condition will be improved to some extent.

Here, second step survey, we provide you information on a future outlook for the region, the role of Fukuoka Airport and demand forecast in the future.

How do you evaluate what the region will be like in the future, and the role the airport will play?





What is the future of the region?

The future state of the region is discussed below through each of the seven key points, including concrete plans to resolve existing problems and projects already under way.

(1)Globalization Barriers between regions and nations are becoming lower in recent years, and the movement of people, goods, money and information is more active than ever, thanks to rapid globalization. Fukuoka, Kyushu enjoys a geographic advantage with respects to the fast growing cities of East Asia. It is essential for Fukuoka to utilize this geographic proximity to ensure a share of the overall growth driven by regional and inter-city competition while coexisting with other cities. OInternational initiatives ·FTA (Free Trade Agreements) ·Global environmental issues Asian currency concept · Infectious disease countermeasures Kyushu (avian influenza, etc.) International division of labor ·Advantageous geographic proximity Linkage to economic development Increasing exchanges ·Terrorism countermeasures, etc. to rest of East Asia East Asia Creation of competitive manufacturing cores Network creation and utilization of attractive High economic growth **Rest of Japan** tourism resources ·Increase in international tourism Fukuoka Tokyo, Regional and city competition Utilization of Nagoya, driven by growth in East Asia Pusan, Shanghai, Shift from competition between nations to advanced city Osaka, etc. Taipei, Hong Kong, competition between functions Guangzhou, etc. Cooperative developmen Strengthened ties regions and cities Gateway city for international Expanded exchange circle Other regions India, Russia, Europe, etc.

Future state of the region: Coexisting with the international society, especially in fast-growing East Asia

②Aging population and declining birthrate

The aging population and declining birthrate is a trend that is affecting all of Japan, and is expected to result in a smaller workforce in the future. To maintain its vitality, Fukuoka and Kyushu will have to implement fundamental policies to address the issue. In addition, it will be essential for Fukuoka to drive programs designed to heighten the attractiveness of Kyushu overall, promoting increases in productivity and transient population.



③Decentralization of government

The Japanese government is currently working to decentralize authority and transfer revenue sources to local governments, and regions are seeking increased independence. For Fukuoka and Kyushu to become independent regions, it will be essential to develop their own unique competitiveness, such as the advantageous proximity to the rest of East Asia.

•Regional potential equivalent to that of a nation Diverse and sophisticated needs

Domestic and international competitiveness

Constructing an independent region ·Construction of an efficient administrative system capable of responding quickly, accurately and

Fukuoka: Development from a Japanese hub city to an exchange city

Kyushu: Development from a region in western Japan to a hub region

autonomously to regional needs ·Regional development through deregulation, international contribution and international corporate activity

representative of all of East Asia

for East Asia

▼Comparison of Kyushu and Holland Kyushu is very similar to Holland in terms of land area, population and GDP, and indeed has potential on a par with that nation.

Item	Kyushu	Holland	Remarks	
Area(km ²)	39,910	41,528(1.04)	Kyushu:2004 Holland:2002	
Population (Thousand)	13,446	16,105(1.20)	Kyushu:2000 Holland:2002	
GDP (\$100 million)	3,459	4,190(1.21)	2002	

%Kyushu excluding Okinawa. Numbers in parentheses indicate ratio to Kyushu Sources: World Statistics 2006, Japan Statistics 2006 (Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications), Kyushu Data Book 2006 (Nishinippon Shimbun)

> ▼Fukuoka and the surrounding region: making an international contribution as a key center in East Asia



Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport

Future state of the region: A competitive, independent region that utilizes its regional strengths

(4) Diversification of senses of value

Senses of value are changing from defining the quality of life in terms of quantity of goods to a definition based on spiritual and emotional fulfillment, resulting in a rise in potential demand for leisure activities, especially travel. It is essential that Fukuoka and Kyushu utilize their extensive natural, historical, cultural and other resources to promote diverse exchanges, and create balanced and high-quality lifestyles for leisure activities. ▼Potential demand and participation





What is required of Fukuoka Airport in the future, based on its current status and issues?

Based on the current status and issues of Fukuoka Airport identified in PI Step 1, this section discusses what will be required of Fukuoka Airport in the future through four viewpoints: 1 the users
 (2) the region, (3) the air transport network, and (4) the airport facility.

1The users'

- OEmphasis on travel time, time of stay at destination, and frequency of flights
- OHeaviest traffic occur in mornings and evenings
- OSatisfaction with Fukuoka Airport is high in comparison with other airports
- OThere are many routes with low satisfaction (for example, routes with low flight frequency)

Fukuoka Airport will have to maintain existing direct flights and develop new ones, assure flight frequency and various access, and enhance benefits such as by reducing costs.

③The air transport network

OThe domestic air transport network facilitates transport between northern Kyushu and the three major urban areas within the Kyushu-Yamaguchi region, and to remote islands.

(Fukuoka Airport is 4th in terms of domestic passenger volume, and 3rd in terms of domestic freight tonnage.)

OThe international air transport network, facilitates transport between Fukuoka and other cities in East Asia.

(4th in Japan in terms of international passenger volume and international freight tonnage.)

OStrong basic demand and easy access to the Fukuoka urban area from other regions in Kyushu has caused demand growth and helped create the air transport network.



②The regional

OThe airport has developed with the surrounding region

(Some land is privately-owned, requiring an understanding of the history of the region and the airport.)

OThe airport contributes to the regional economy and lives of the residents (The airport provides about 800 billion yen annually in indirect

(The airport provides about 800 billion yen annually in indirect economic effects to Kyushu, as well as supporting private aircraft use, better access to remote islands, and improves disaster and information activities.)

OEffect on the structure of the city

(Including easy access to the city center, concentration of production and distribution functions in areas near the airport, and height restrictions on city buildings.)

OEffect on the city environment

(Airport is built within the city limits, causing local environmental issues such as aircraft noise. In addition, an accident could cause significant damage.)



Fukuoka Airport will have to continue to support the economic activities of Fukuoka and Kyushu, as well as cultural and civic activities, while working to assure aircraft safety and implement environmental measures such as aircraft noise reduction.

(4)The airport facility

- OThere are capacity-limiting factors including parking, runways and taxiways.
- OCongestion is on the increase at Fukuoka Airport, resulting in limitations during peak periods.
- Effects on users are becoming apparent, such as difficulty in making reservations on domestic routes for Fridays, when demand peaks.
- On international routes, there is fluctuation depending on which day of the week and the season, based on tourism characteristics.
- ○For noise control and other reasons, Fukuoka Airport can only be used between 7:00 and 22:00.

Fukuoka Airport will have to provide the capacity needed to fulfill forecasted mid- and long-range demands as well as user demands during peak periods.

The roles of Fukuoka Airport are described on the following pages, based on the future vision for the region and the current status and issues of the airport.





service and air transport demand

Ensure airport capacity

Fukuoka Airport will have to establish new routes and offer additional flights to satisfy future demand. From the global perspective, with deregulation in air transport, there is a trend towards smaller aircraft and more frequent usage.



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Airport



This completes the discussion of the future state of the region, and the role of Fukuoka Airport. On the next page you'll find forecasts of air transport demand.



















- to remain fairly stable. However, larger aircraft are expected to enter into service on some routes to handle increases in passenger volume, based on the experience of Narita Airport. *2.International passenger volume is based on existing routes. New or cancelled routes may affect demand.
- ※3.China has experienced rapid economic growth in recent years, and new routes linking Fukuoka Airport may be added in the future.

International passenger volume forecasts



What is the air transport demand forecast for Fukuoka Airport?

Growth in air transport demand for Fukuoka Airport is expected in all three cases, with forecasts for 2012 showing a total annual passenger volume, for both domestic and international flights, of between 19.93 and 21.35 million, with annual take-offs and landings of between 153,000 and 161,000. For 2022 the passenger forecast is between 22.58 and 27.83 million, and between 166,000 and 192,000 flights. Demand forecasts represent potential demand based on assumptions about the economy at each date, so careful monitoring of differences between the assumptions and actual conditions is required.

	▼Demand forecast cases and results									
Assumptions Cases Case A (reform and development) Case B (no reform, stagnate growth)	Assumptions Cases	Shizuoka Airport and Hyakuri Air Field opened Kyushu Shinkansen Kagoshima route fully opens Expressways and regional expressways open	Forecast results Top line: Passengers (10,000 people/FY) Middle line: Domestic and international freight (10,000 tons/FY) Bottom line: Flights (10,000 flights/FY)							
	for service as expected by FY2012	FY2012	FY2017	FY2022	FY2032					
	Case A (reform and development)	Economic growth forecast due to continuing reform	2,135 31.9 16.1	2,438 37.2 17.5	2,783 42.4 19.2	3,522 52.2 23.0				
	Case B (no reform, stagnate growth)	Little productivity increases due to slow reform	2,066 30.5 15.7	2,255 33.0 16.6	2,483 35.7 17.9	3,019 41.3 20.6				
	Case C (the 1990s scenario)	Japanese economy repeats the economic sluggishness of the 1990s	1,993 28.7 15.3	2,124 29.8 16.0	2,258 30.7 16.6	2,538 31.5 18.1				

Refer to detailed version for air freight forecasts.

**The above air freight forecasts assume transport in passenger jet freight compartments, and do not include freight-only flights.



the actual situation as it develops.

Fukuoka Airport annual passenger (domestic and international) volume forecast

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3. Future demand forecast



Trial calculations were performed to evaluate how more convenient access to New-Kitakyushu Airport and Saga Airport would affect the supply-demand situation. It will be important to monitor usage of the newlyopened New-Kitakyushu Airport and its effects on Fukuoka Airport.

Access transportation used in these trial calculations did not take operating authority or profitability into account.



formance and effects will have to be assessed.



Explanation

- ** 1. In addition to runway capacity, indices that can be used to evaluate future Fukuoka Airport capacity include ① excess flight-handling capacity during peak times, ② capacity of possible new runways, ③ periods of heavy flight take-off/landing congestion, and ④ difficulty in making reservations. These factors were defined in PI report step 1, but the terminology used has been reviewed in accordance with specific content.
- **2. Basic approaches to runway capacity Runway capacity per-hour r varies with factors, including direction of runway use, ratio of take-offs and landings, and ratio of large aircraft. In this assessment a representative value of 32 (33) flights per-hour was used as the appropriate number for processing of flights on a daily basis. The runway capacity per-day was set at 398 (409) flights, based on 32 (33) flights during the morning peak hours (*3), and 26 (27) flights during the rest of day (80% of peak), with early morning and night traffic at present levels. Annual capacity was calculated as 365 times the daily capacity, or 145,000 (149,000) flights. Note that the actual number of flights handled may be different from these values. Values given in parentheses indicate runway capacity with the assumption that a second, parallel taxiway is constructed on the east side of the assumption that a second.





assumption that a second, parallel taxiway is constructed on the east side of the airport. %3. Peak hours: 9:00 to 11:00 and 17:00 to 19:00, a total of 6 hours.

Congestion and potential for increased flights

These forecasts show that flights per-day will exceed runway capacity in all three scenarios in 2012.
This means that it will be difficult to increase the number of flights throughout the day, especially during morning and evening peak hours. This makes it difficult to open new routes or increase the number of flights on existing routes, in turn making it difficult to expand the air transport network supporting domestic and international exchange, and presenting an obstacle to such exchange.
Aircraft congestion will continue throughout the day, making delays more likely.



*Defined as being able to handle two round-trip flights during morning and evening peak periods, for flights departing in the morning and returning in the evening, to and from Fukuoka Airport and destination.

Difficulty in making reservations

- The occupancy ratio is the percentage of aircraft seats that are filled. More passengers will lead to airlines using larger aircraft or increasing the number of flights, so that the occupancy ratio is usually about 60 to 70%.
- If the number of flights cannot be increased beyond the future runway capacity, the aircraft occupancy ratio will gradually rise, making it more difficult to make reservations. Difficulty in making reservations was estimated using the Fukuoka-Haneda route as an example.



Explanation

- Passenger volume on the Fukuoka-Haneda route has increased 1.3 times in ten years, but a corresponding increase in the number of flights has maintained the occupancy ratio at about 60 to 70%, with an average of 63%.
- Even with the occupancy ratio, currently reservations may be full several days in advance depending on the time and day.



PI Report Step 2 Summary

Future vision for the region, and the role of Fukuoka Airport

The role required of Fukuoka Airport for realising the future vision for the region and resolving current issues.

- An airport that links Fukuoka with the rest of Japan and the world, and supports the expansion of mutual exchanges (i.e. expansion of the air transportation network).
- An airport that supports improvements in transportation services, and air transport demand (Ensuring airport capacity).

An airport that supports the independent development of Fukuoka and Kyushu (support widespread use of air transport with regards for safety and the environment).

Future air transport demand forecasts

The results of the forecasts are summarized below. However, it is essential to monitor changes in the underlying assumptions of the forecasts, air transport demand trends for Northern Kyushu and other factors.

- Domestic air passenger volume is expected to increase together with Japanese economic growth and increases in the population of Fukuoka metropolitan region.
- International air passenger volume is expected to increase together with Asian economic growth and population growth.
- Fukuoka Airport is expected to lose excess runway capacity in the early 2010s, making it difficult to meet the demand.

Possible responses

Possible responses will be proposed in PI step 3. These will then be evaluated in step 4

- Future responses Collaborations with nearby airports (New Kitakyushu, Saga).
 - Additional runways at existing airport
 - Construction of a new airport



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