We Accelerate the Decarbonization to Become a “Sustainable Airport,” beyond an “Eco-Airport”

Narita International Airport marked its 43rd anniversary since its opening in 1978. In fiscal 2021, aircraft movements and passenger numbers declined significantly since the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic began in 2020. The aviation industry including Narita International Airport Corporation (NAA) continues to face a severe business environment.

Until now, we have persevered through numerous decreases in demand caused by the international situation and natural disasters. Furthermore, COVID-19 pandemic which caused such long-term restrictions on the movement of people across the globe is unprecedented experience. All the same, in times of crises, Narita International Airport has undergone strong recoveries supported by many people such as local residents and stakeholders, and grown as the gateway to Japan. We are confident that we will overcome the present crisis, resume normal operation, and develop further. And Narita International Airport will maintain safe and secure operation as a critical infrastructure to support the transportation of goods and movement of people.

At the same time, with an eye on the future, we must steadily proceed initiatives such as the functionality enhancement at Narita International Airport, including the construction of a new runway. In promotion of the functionality enhancement, we will seek a way to coexist with local communities, make every effort to obtain the understanding of stakeholders, and take measures to reduce our environmental impact.

At Narita International Airport, we have promoted various initiatives based on the following four pillars: Community environment initiatives, resource recycling initiatives, climate change initiatives, and environment management. For climate change in particular, more frequent and intense natural disasters caused cutting emissions to be one of the most critical issues, which resulted in calls for aviation decarbonization. Thus, NAA released “Sustainable NRT 2050” in March 2021 to promote further climate change initiatives. To realize a sustainable society and become one of the world leading airports, we have set medium- to long-term goals that include a net-zero target, which is the first among airport operators in Japan, and countermeasures to decrease CO2 emissions with stakeholders throughout the airport.

The Eco-Airport Master Plan was terminated in fiscal 2020, but we will successively conduct our environmental measures based on the above categories under the framework of “Sustainable NRT 2050.” With stronger relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders, we strive to achieve our goals to become a sustainable airport which grows in an environmentally-friendly and ethical way.

Narita aims to be a Sustainable Airport

In the past, we promoted initiatives to become an environmentally-friendly “Eco Airport.” From now on, we aim to go beyond and evolve into a long-lasting “Sustainable Airport.”