We Contribute to Achieving Net Zero

Carbon Emissions for the Post-COVID Era

Since opening in 1978, Narita International Airport has evolved as the country’s gateway to the world and key infrastructure with safety first in mind. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic drastically decreased the numbers of passengers and aircraft movements. However, in fiscal 2022, both numbers increased from the previous fiscal year. While domestic flights are almost back to pre-pandemic levels, we are starting to see a rebound in international passenger numbers thanks to relaxed border restrictions. In this background, our dedicated LCC (low-cost carriers) terminal, Passenger Terminal 3, was expanded in April 2022. Maximizing the potential of our LCC network, we will enhance our customer experience for casual travelers.

For an expected increase of aviation demand, we must steadily proceed with medium- to long-term initiatives such as the functionality enhancement at Narita Airport, including the construction of a new runway. We will promote our business by enhancing our environmental measures for coexistence with local communities supported by all stakeholders. Based on environmental assessments, we will steadily implement measures to reduce or compensate for our impact on nature. Besides the construction of a new runway, our functionality enhancement requires overall improvement including passenger/cargo terminals and airport access. Our goal is to be a sustainable airport that grows together with local communities. We will strive to achieve our new management plan “Restart NRT” for upgrading passenger terminals, airport logistics, and access with all people concerned.

Recently, the world has experienced more frequent and more intense natural disasters caused by global warming, and it has led to calls for the decarbonization of aviation. To respond to the global change for the long-term growth of the aviation industry, Narita International Airport Corporation (NAA) established “Sustainable NRT 2050” in March 2021. The new framework sets medium- to long-term targets for net zero carbon emissions to further promote our climate change initiatives. To achieve the goals, there are many challenges that require cooperation with a wide range of stakeholders. Therefore, we share information and exchange opinions with airport-related business entities at the Sustainable NRT Development and Planning Council. In June 2022, the Council was renamed and restructured for active discussions on more specific initiatives. We will strengthen our relationship with stakeholders to promote initiatives at Narita Airport as a whole.

Preventing widespread of COVID-19 for passenger safety, we will support the recovery of air travel and the growth of Japanese economy. At the same time, we will proactively promote environmental initiatives and strengthen our relationship with all stakeholders including airport users, local communities, and airport related business entities to become a sustainable airport.

Our Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

According to the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we categorized our environmental activities. Icons corresponding to each goal are shown at the top of the Activity Highlights pages. Narita International Airport contributes to the achievement of the SDGs with our stakeholders*.

* “Our stakeholders” refers to passengers, local residents, local government, airport-related business entities and their employees, and all other persons associated with the airport.