1st Forklift and Pallet Building Competition at Narita Airport Set to be Held on Thursday, 27 August

Tokyo, 18 August 2015: Narita International Airport, which handles approximately 60% of the international air cargo traffic in Japan, will sponsor the “1st Forklift and Pallet Building Competition at Narita Airport” this summer. The competition has two main objectives: (1) to expand the airport’s overall volume of cargo handled by encouraging cargo handling operators to compete and improve their skills, thus offering users better services; and (2) to contribute to ensuring safety at work and preventing on-the-job accidents in the Cargo Area by raising safety awareness among airport workers and promoting improvements in quality. The details of the event are as described below.

* Japanese companies achieved excellent results at the Hactl International Forklift and Pallet Building Competition held in January 2015 at Hong Kong International Airport, where a Japanese firm became the overall winner. This competition aims to promote further improvements in skills.

Date & Time: Thursday, 27 August 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Venue: Southern Cargo Building No. 2, Narita International Airport
Host: Narita International Airport Corporation
Participants: JAL Cargo Service Co., Ltd. / ANA Cargo Inc. / Nippon Cargo Airlines Co., Ltd./International Air Cargo Terminal Co., Ltd./Swissport Japan Ltd.
(9 teams from 5 companies)

Categories:
① Pallet building (cargo loading)
Teams of 4 will compete how fast they can load multiple pieces of mock cargo onto a pallet (a metal plate used to load freight on aircraft), ensuring that they are stable and that the work is performed appropriately.

② Basic forklift operations
Forklift drivers will compete to see who has the best basic maneuvering skills (driving, loading and unloading) for pallet building works.

Pallet building at Narita