



Silk Way West Airlines to Launch Kansai-Baku Route Japan's first regular flight service to Azerbaijan to expand long-haul cargo routes

Kansai Airports is delighted to announce that Silk Way West Airlines (7L), a cargo carrier, will launch a route between KIX and Baku on Friday, December 29, 2017. This will be the first regular flight service of Silk Way West Airlines in Japan. (Charter flight service at Komatsu Airport will also be offered regularly at the same time.)

Thanks to the growing demand for air cargo, KIX's cargo volume has been steadily increasing, showing a more than 10% increase compared to the same month of the previous year for 12 consecutive months (as of October 2017). In 2017, the volume is expected to exceed 800,000 tons for the first time in 13 years since 2004.

Being based in Azerbaijan where has been making a remarkable economic growth, Silk Way West Airlines operates flights to various countries in Central Asia, the Caspian Sea region, the Middle East, Europe, Asia and North America. With a number of Japanese companies in the sectors of semiconductors, automotive components and others operating in these regions, Silk Way West Airlines's services will help to meet the high transport demand between Japan and Central Asian countries.

We will continue expanding the cargo carrier network for the convenience of shipping goods and will contribute to economic development of Kansai and destination areas.

○ Launch date:

Friday, December 29, 2017

○ Flight schedule

Destination	Flight No.	Schedule	Days of operation
Baku	7L128/129	Kansai → Incheon → Baku (21:30) (00:00+1 / 03:00+1) (07:00+1)	Friday (at KIX)
	7L608	Baku → Kansai (05:00) (19:00)	

* Subject to government approvals. Flight schedule may change.

○ Aircraft specification

Model: B747-400/B747-8

Maximum load capacity: approx. 113 and 134 tons



Provided by Silk Way West Airlines

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As of April 1, 2016, Kansai Airports succeeded the operating rights of Kansai International Airport ("KIX") and Osaka International Airport ("ITAMI") from New Kansai International Airport Company ("NKIAC") and commenced business as an operating company for the two airports. Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports shares the common goal of maximizing the potential of the Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport, improving services to passengers and ensuring the highest levels of safety and security, investment to enhance safety, convenience and comfort to increase value, as well as enhancing community relations in the neighborhoods of the airports and benefiting the Kansai regional economy. On December 15, Kansai Airports signed a concession contract with the New Kansai International Airport Company ("NKIAC") for an operating period of 44-years. For more information, please visit : www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano-shi, Osaka	Capital	25,000 million yen
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Emmanuel Menanteau	Date of Incorporation	December 1, 2015
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% ¹



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VINCI Airports, a top 5 global player in the international airport sector, manages the development and operations of 35 airports: 13 in France, 10 in Portugal (including the hub of Lisbon), 3 in Cambodia, 2 in Japan, 6 in Dominican Republic and Santiago airport in Chile. Served by more than 200 airlines, VINCI Airports' network handled 132 million passengers in 2016.

Through its expertise as a comprehensive integrator and the professionalism of its 11,000 employees, VINCI Airports develops, finances, builds and operates airports, leveraging its investment capability, international network and know-how to optimize the management and performance of existing airport infrastructure, facility extensions and new construction. In 2016, its consolidated revenue amounted to €1.05 bn.

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