

CEOs' comments on resumption of rail services on September 18

New Kansai International Airport Company (NKIAC), West Japan Railway Company (JR West) and Nankai Electric Railway Corporation today announced that the railway services on the access bridge connecting Kansai International Airport (KIX) to the mainland will resume on September 18. CEOs of Kansai Airports commented as follows:

Yoshiyuki Yamaya, Representative Director and CEO, Kansai Airports:

"We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the hard work of those involved in restarting railway services to and from KIX on September 18, including the transport ministry and other government agencies, NKIAC, and railway operators. It is a great pleasure to have the train services back to normal earlier than initially anticipated, which is expected to improve airport access considerably. This would not have been possible without the support of all our partners.

We are currently doing everything we can to reopen all the airport facilities, including the north half of Terminal 1, which is targeted for September 21. The number of airport workers as well as cargo trucks is expected to increase when the full-scale operations start. We hope the road on the access bridge will also be restored as soon as possible."

Emmanuel Menanteau, Representative Director and Co-CEO, Kansai Airports:

"The rail services—halted in the aftermath of Typhoon Jebi—will fully resume on September 18, and we extend our deep appreciation to all those involved in making this possible.

When full-scale operations of KIX resume—following the reopening of the southern area of Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, demand for ground access is expected to grow significantly. The rail access accounts for about 50% of all modes of ground transportation to the airport and therefore will greatly contribute to the restoration of airport functions.

We will work as one and dedicate ourselves to getting the entire airport up and running as early as possible to offer a normal pleasant experience to our passengers."

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