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## 30th anniversary of Rapi:t and Haruka KIX, Nankai, and JR West to hold a special ceremony!

1. Ceremony on JR platform at Kansai Airport Station with "Rapi:t" and "Haruka"
2. Performances by artists, such as Yukino Saito and Yuki Tokunaga, Avantgardey, 30th Anniversary Special Band, and more at Kansai Airport Station Event Space

Thank you, Anniversary



KIX 30th Anniversary Logo



Limited Express "Rapi:t" 30th Anniversary Logo



Limited Express "Haruka" 30th Anniversary Logo

Nankai Electric Railway Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President Nobuyuki Okajima, "Nankai"), West Japan Railway Company (President, Representative Director, and Executive Officer Kazuaki Hasegawa, "JR West"), and Kansai Airports (Representative Director and CEO Yoshiyuki Yamaya, "KAP") will hold a special ceremony on Saturday, September 7, 2024 to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the opening of Kansai International Airport ("KIX") and the commencement of operations of airport express trains, "Rapi:t" by Nankai and "Haruka" by JR West, on September 4, 2024.

The station managers of Kansai Airport Station of Nankai and JR West will give greetings in front of Rapi:t and Haruka on JR Platform 3 at Kansai Airport Station, followed by a ribbon-cutting by the three companies at the event space in Kansai Airport Station South Square, and performances and talk shows by Yukino Saito, 30th Anniversary Special Band, Yuki Tokunaga, Avantgardey, Osaka Flower Gardening Association and Hibiya Kadan.

Please see the attachments for more details.

Source: Blue Light Club, Kinki Electric Railway Press Club, KIX Press Association, Kansai Leisure Press Club

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For the ceremony at Kansai Airport Station South Square, please contact Nankai.

**1. Ceremony on JR Platform at Kansai Airport Station**

A greeting and photo session will be held by the station managers of Nankai and JR West on JR Platform 3 at Kansai Airport Station in front of Rapi:t and Haruka.

- 1. Date and time: 10:45 to 10:55 on Saturday, September 7, 2024
- 2. Location: JR Platform 3 at Kansai Airport Station
- 3. Schedule:

Time	Content
10:38	Rapi:t arrives at Platform 2
10:45	Greetings from station managers of Kansai Airport Station JR West: Toshimitsu Tamura Nankai: Hiroki Fukuta
10:50	Haruka arrives at Platform 3 Photo session with Rapi:t and Haruka
10:54	Haruka departs from Platform 3

- 4. Others An entrance ticket or train ticket, etc. is required to enter the platform.  
Admission may be restricted due to congestion.



Photo session venue with Rapi:t and Haruka

**2. Performances at South Square Event Space in Kansai Airport Station**

"KIX, Nankai Rapi:t and JR West Haruka 30th Anniversary Special Ceremony" will be held at Kansai Airport Station Event Space. In addition to a ribbon-cutting by Nankai, JR West, and KAP, there will be performances and talk shows by great guests.

- 1. Date and time: 11:00 to 15:00 on Saturday, September 7, 2024
- 2. Location: Kansai Airport Station South Square Event Space

3. Admission:

Free

4. Schedule

Time	Event
11:00	Opening dance by Kansai Collection Entertainment
11:08	Live flower performance by Osaka Flower Gardening Association and Hibiya Kadan florists
11:20	Ribbon-cutting by KAP, Nankai, and JR West <b>Attendees</b> KAP: Hiroki Kitabayashi, Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Nankai: Minoru Yoshida, General Manager, Public Transport Group, Transport & Vehicle Department, Railway Business Division JR West: Manabu Okada, General Manager, Railway Marketing Dept., Marketing Division
11:35	Talk by Yukino Saito
11:50-12:50	Stage change
12:50	Performance by 30th Anniversary Special Band
13:20-13:50	Stage change
13:50	Dance by kids from Kansai Collection Entertainment
13:55	Performance by Yuki Tokunaga
14:15	Dance by Avantgardey
14:45	Closing

5. Performers and guests:

Yukino Saito



Yukino is a Kansai-based entertainer specialized in railways. She is currently a regular member of TV and radio shows including NHK Osaka's "Weekend Kansai" and "Gurutto Kansai Ohirumae", and Yomiuri TV's "Asanama Wide Sumatan!", TV Osaka's "Otonatabi arukitabi", MBS Radio's "Mori Takeshi no Sukatan Radio." She also appears on YouTube, book promotion and many other events.

### 30th Anniversary Special Band



The band is specially assembled one day only for the 30th anniversary and produced by DJ and music producer Jessy who is from Osaka and often performs overseas. Musicians based in Kansai will perform popular songs related to the sky and airplanes.

### Kansai Collection Entertainment



Kansai Collection Entertainment is an entertainer school that trains future models, entertainers, and dancers. They performed the opening dance at the Kansai Collection 2024AW event in August in front of approximately 20,000 audience. They will perform the opening dance at this special event to recreate the excitement.

### Yuki Tokunaga



Yuki enjoys taking pictures of trains, and his specialty is impersonation of a train conductor and high speed finger-snap. He is also a black belt in Judo.

Influenced by his grandfather and parents from Amami Oshima, he grew up singing traditional ballads and popular music from early age. In 2012, he won the grand championship at the NHK Nodojiman Champion Tournament. 2012 In November 2013, he made his national debut with "Sayonara wa Namida ni", a song by Eisho Higa of BEGIN. In August 2014, he released the cover album "Yukino Uata: Hometown version". In September of the same year, he won the Newcomer Award at the 56th Japan Record Awards for his 2nd single "Heisei Dodonpa Ondo", written and composed by Kazufumi Miyazawa of THE BOOM.

### Avantgardey



A 17-member dance team produced by bubbly dance choreographer Akane. Established in 2022, the group has become popular around the world on TikTok and Instagram as a "mysterious bobbed hair group in uniform".

Osaka Flower Gardening Association and Hibiya Kadan (Live Flower Performance)



Live flower performance by the Osaka Flower Gardening Federation that promotes the appeal and consumption of flowers grown in Osaka, and performance by the florist of the Hibiya Hanadan.

Enjoy beautiful flower arrangements and performances to commemorate the 30th anniversary of KIX, Nankai Rapi:t and JR West Haruka.

6. PR booths PR booths for Nankai, JR West, and KAP will be set up next to the stage.

7. Other Admission may be restricted due to congestion.

**Reference: 30th anniversary campaign of each company**

**Nankai**

Airport Limited Express "Rapi:t" will celebrate 30 years of service on September 4, 2024 with the following events!

1. Special admission tickets for the 30-year anniversary will be on sale from August 20.
2. A special Rapi:t exhibition will be held at KIX from September 25.
3. 30-year anniversary stickers will be placed on two carriage of Rapi:t and drivers' seat will be accompanied by stuffed toy of Rapi:t-kun.
4. Renewal of seat head covers
5. A special Rapi:t tour will be held in partnership with KAP on September 7.

<https://www.nankai.co.jp/lib/company/news/pdf/240802.pdf> News release dated August 2

**JR West**

Please refer to the Attachment 2.

**KAP**

KIX celebrates 30th anniversary!

KAP would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has used and supported the airport.

1. A program commemorating the 30 years since the opening of KIX will be broadcast worldwide on NHK WORLD-JAPAN/jibtv on Friday, August 30.
2. KIX "Sky Day Festival 2024" will be held on Saturday, September 21 to commemorate the 30th anniversary.
3. The 18th KIX International Friendship Dragon Boat Festival will be held on Sunday, October 27 to celebrate the 30th anniversary.

Check out our 30th anniversary website for exciting contents including a chronological table with nostalgic photographs and special videos!

Please visit the website below for the latest information.

[KIX 30 Anniversary Website](#)

Attachment 2

For information about the 30th anniversary of JR West “Haruka”, please visit the website below.

<https://www.jr-odekake.net/navi/haruka30th/>

**1. Event Booth**

Kids-friendly events are planned at the booth, such as ringtoss, trying on of kids’ uniforms, a commemorative photo tour inside the stationmaster’s office, and a greeting by the official character of the Osaka Station Umekita area “Believer”.



Date and time: 11:00 to 14:30 on Tuesday, September 7

Venue: Kansai Airport Station South Square Event Space

**2. A photo spot with a stuffed giant panda (Adventure World)**

You can take a photo with 160cm stuffed giant panda



ADVENTURE WORLD

Date and time: Around 11:00 to 15:00 on Saturday, September 7

Location: Near JR West PR booth

**3. Exhibition of panels commemorating 30th anniversary of Haruka and the display of cherry blossoms by Osaka Flower Gardening Association**

For overseas visitors, photo panels and information about facilities celebrating an anniversary in western Japan will be displayed inside the ticket gates of Kansai Airport Station. In addition, weeping cherry trees in bloom will be exhibited as a demonstration by the Osaka Flower Gardening Association, which is working on techniques to control the blooming of cherry trees. Overseas visitors will be able to experience Japan and enjoy the spirit of hospitality.

Panel image

**■Haruka 30-year anniversary panel**

Exhibition period:

From Wednesday, September 4 to Monday, October 7

Location: Inside the ticket gates of JR Kansai Airport Station



Display image

**■Cherry blossom display by Osaka Flower Gardening Association**

Exhibition period: From Tuesday, September 3 to Sunday, September 8

Exhibition location: Inside the ticket gates of JR Kansai Airport Station

