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9 Air launches new KIX–LYI and KIX–HFE routes, featuring the first direct flight between Kansai and Linyi!

Kansai Airports is pleased to announce that 9 Air (AQ), the premier low-cost carrier in South China, will launch two new direct flight services. One new route connecting Kansai(KIX) and Linyi(LYI) will start from June 3, 2025 and operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The other new route connecting Kansai(KIX) and Hefei (HFE) will start from 21 June 2025 and operate four times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Linyi is situated in Shandong Province, in eastern China and this new route marks the first-ever direct flight from Kansai International Airport to the city.

These new services are expected to strengthen economic and cultural ties between the regions.

Kansai Airports Group remains committed to expanding its air network, enhancing passenger convenience, and creating comfortable and enjoyable travel experiences for our customers.

KIX-LYI-CAN

Commencement

Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Schedule

Flight	Departure/Arrival time (all local)	Frequency
AQ1257	CAN 07:45 - LYI 10:20	Tue, Thu, Sat Until 19 June 2025
	LYI 11:50 - KIX 15:30	
AQ1258	KIX 16:30 - LYI 18:30	Tue, Thu, Sat Until 19 June 2025
	LYI 20:00 - CAN 23:00	
AQ1257	CAN 06:15 - LYI 08:50	Mon, Wed, Fri From 20 June 2025
	LYI 09:50 - KIX 13:30	
AQ1258	KIX 14:30 - LYI 16:30	Mon, Wed, Fri From 20 June 2025
	LYI 18:00 - CAN 20:50	

*Flight schedules and aircraft types are subject to change without notice.

*Operations are subject to approval by the relevant authorities.

Aircraft

Type: B737

Seats: 189

KIX-HFE-CAN

Commencement

Saturday, 21 June 2025

Schedule

Flight	Departure/Arrival time (all local)	Frequency
AQ1255	CAN 06:15 - HFE 08:25	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
	HFE 09:45 - KIX 13:30	
AQ1256	KIX 14:30 - HFE 16:45	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun
	HFE 18:15 - CAN 20:25	

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Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports took over the operations of Kansai Itami Airport ("KIX") and Osaka Itami Airport ("ITAMI") from New Kansai International Airport Company ("NKIAC") and has been operating the two airports since 1 April 2016.

Kansai Airports Kobe, Kansai Airports' wholly-owned subsidiary, took over the operations of Kobe Airport ("KOBE") from Kobe City and started its business as an operating company on 1 April 2018.

Under the concept of "One Kansai Airports Group", Kansai Airports group strives to continuously improve its services for all airport guests through appropriate investments and efficient operations, with safety and security being the top priority. Kansai Airports group aims to maximize the potential of the three airports, for the benefit of the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit : <http://www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/>

Kansai Airports

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano-shi, Osaka	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% ¹
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO:Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport		

Kansai Airports Kobe

Location	1-ban, Kobe-kuko, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo	Shareholder	Kansai Airports 100%
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



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