

Asian Breeze (73)

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Merry Christmas to you all

18 December, 2020

Dear Coordinators and Facilitators in Asia/Pacific. Greeting from freezing Tokyo. Although we are in the mid of COVID-19 pandemic, Christmas is coming and Santa Clause may come to us with face mask. Although we cannot celebrate Christmas as usual years, I wish you enjoy your Christmas / Happy Holidays with warm heart.



Twelve years have passed since the Asian Breeze 1st Edition was issued on December 18th, 2008. Since then, Asian Breeze has functioned as good communication means between coordinators/facilitators in Asia/Pacific regions, and has contributed for our knowing each other. Asian Breeze featured airports and members of coordinators/facilitators in Asia/Pacific regions, and then featured those in Europe regions and North/South America regions. And now, in the second round of Asia/Pacific regions. This has been made by the great efforts of Takeda-san, the chief editor of Asian Breeze and contribution from coordinators/facilitators in Asia/Pacific regions as well as other regions. You can read the past editions of Asian Breeze at [the JSC website](#). Please have a visit on it. Also we really appreciate it if you send us your hot news, topics, new airport development or whatever to asianbreeze@schedule-coordination.jp.

Asian Breeze (1) (Christmas Special Edition)

Merry Christmas to you all !!

We hope you all are enjoying this Christmas holiday season. As part of 'Asian Tea Gathering', we have decided to circulate a newsletter called 'Asian Breeze' among schedule coordination offices in Asian Region to get to know each other much better.

Since this is the first trial of circulation, there must be a lot to be improved. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. Please use the asianbreeze@schedule-coordination.jp. In addition, if you support the idea of Asian Breeze circulation, please send us hot news or topics of your office, new airport developments or whatever. We are willing to volunteer to edit and deliver to you every two months.



December 18, 2008

Farewell to Eichi Ohara

He spent more than ten years in NRT/KIX schedule coordination office. He is now leaving our office for a new position at the end of this month. He left many remarkable achievements in schedule coordination procedures as a core member of WWACG 'Asian Tea Gathering' is one of his achievements. Although we miss him, we will see him off with a smile for his journey to a new horizon.

Leaving our office, his message to all the coordinators in Asian regions is as follows. "Perhaps the most rewarding experience of attending international conferences is the warm friendships one is able to make and build. I will always remember and cherish many pleasant moments I had and the supports I received. My dear friends, I wish you happiness."



Self Introduction of our staff members



There are 6 staff members in the office, a head coordinator, two assigned for Naita, two for Kansai, and one supervisor. Two staff members are on loan from JAL, two are on loan from ANA, and one is on loan from NCA.

The 147 Slot Conference

The 147 slot conference was held virtually from 17th to 20th November 2020. 79 organizations and 208 delegates of coordinators/facilitators and 177 companies and 395 delegates of airlines participated in the conference. From Asia-Pacific regions, 17 organizations and 45 delegates of coordinators/facilitators participated. At the occasion of this conference, we have 3rd WWACG General Assembly meeting and 20th APACA General Assembly meeting.

The Status of WWACG (WorldWide Airport Coordinator Group)

WWACG held the third WWACG General Assembly Meeting on November 16th from 11:30 to 13:00 UTC, using the virtual platform put in place by IATA for the virtual Slot Conference for S21.

The GA3 meeting started with welcome remarks by the new Chairman, Mr Fred Wister, who succeeded Mr Eric Herbane. Eric has made significant contribution to the slot coordination activities, and is going to retire before Christmas. We would like to express sincere thanks to Eric.

The major agenda items regarding Industry Matters were “WASB activities since its set up”, “COVID 19”, and “WASB Working groups and working program”, etc. Those regarding WWACG Matters were “Information of Board Member replacement and WASB Secretariat” and “Endorsement of new WWACG Members”, etc.

The WWACG members and partners can find related documents in “WWACG Microsoft Teams”, which is set up for WWACG Members and Partners to share information.

WWACG Board Members (as of April 2020)

	Country	Name	Organization
Vice-Chair&Treasurer <u>Chair</u>	Austria	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistl	SCA - Austria
	France	Mr. Eric Herbane	COHOR - France
	UK	Mr. Edmond Rose	ACL - UK
Vice-Chair	Norway	Mr. Fred Wister	SCN - Norway
	Australia	Ms. Petra Popovac	ACA - Australia
	Japan	Mr. Hiroki Takeda	JSC - Japan
	USA	Mr. Brian Meehan	FAA Runways - USA



(as of September 2020)

	Country	Name	Organization
Vice-Chair & Treasurer	Austria	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistl	SCA - Austria
	Belgium	Mr. Didier Hocq	BSC - Belgium
	UK	Mr. Edmond Rose	ACL - UK
Chair Vice-Chair	Norway	Mr. Fred Wister	SCN - Norway
	Australia	Ms. Petra Popovac	ACA - Australia
	Japan	Mr. Hirohiko Kawakatsu	JSC - Japan
	USA	Mr. Brian Meehan	FAA Runways - USA

Secretary: Mr. Rene Maysokuloa, Fluko – German

The Status of APACA (Asia/Pacific Airport Coordinators Association)

The twentieth General Assembly Meeting of APACA was held virtually using Zoom system from 03:30 to 04:40UTC on 18 November, 2020. The Chair person, Ms Petra Popovac welcomed the participants and expressed her appreciation for attending the twentieth meeting of APACA.

The major agenda items were “Result of APACA Election”, “WASB Activities”, “WWACG Update” and “COVID-19 Discussion”. There were vigorous information sharing regarding COVID-19 situation. You can find the materials of the meeting at [JSC website](#).

Usually “Asian Tea Gathering” meeting is planned during the Slot Conference to meet coordinators/facilitators in Asia-Pacific Region in person and enjoy talking with each other. But we could not this time. We miss the last “Asian Tea Gathering” in Brisbane last year. We are looking forward to meeting you at the event next year.

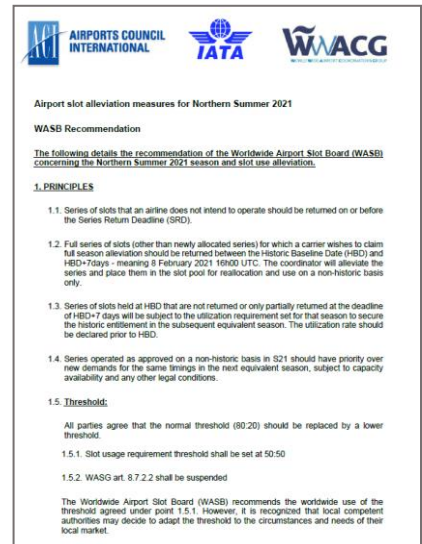


At Brisbane on 14 November 2019

The Status of WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board)

The Worldwide Airport Slot Board (WASB) and its Working Group have discussed about the Northern Summer 2021 Approach vigorously and reached agreement on 12th WASB meeting on 25 November, 2020, and released a joint recommendation for airport slot use relief for the northern summer 2021 season on 26 November. The WASB recommended the followings to temporarily adopt more flexible slot rules in order to preserve essential air transport connectivity.

- Full series of slots returned by carriers before 08 February 2021 will receive alleviation.
- Carriers who pick up these series and operate them on a non-historic basis will receive priority over any new demand for the same timings in the next equivalent season, subject to available capacity.
- Slots retained after 08 February 2021 will be subject to a slot usage requirement threshold of 50:50, recognizing that regulators may review the threshold based on their market situation, and the provision for cancellations before the historic baseline date will be temporally suspended
- Specific Justified Non-Utilization of Slots (Force Majeure) provisions for flights canceled due to government-imposed restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic that prevent or restrict travel.
- Alleviation will not apply to slots held by airlines permanently ceasing operations at an airport. New slot allocations for NS21 are not eligible for alleviation, but are subject to the same usage threshold and force majeure provisions.



This agreement is posted in the [IATA website](#). The [WASB Webinar “Aviation industry global approach for airport slot rules in Summer 2021”](#) is also available.

WASB (Worldwide Airport Slot Board) Member

Affiliation	Country	Name	Organization
Airports (ACI)	Spain	Ms. Irene Garcia	AENA
	UK	Ms. Fiona Carleton	Heathrow Airport Ltd (LHR)
	Germany	Mr. Gunter Heinrich	Fraport AG (FRA)
	Australia	Mr. Robert Wood	Sydney Airport (SYD)
	UAE	Mr. Robert Whitehouse	Dubai Airports (DXB)
	USA	<u>Mr. Robert Hoxie</u>	CDA (CHI)
	Brazil	Mr. Joao Pita	Sao Paulo Airport (GRU)
Airlines (IATA)	UK	Mr. Chris Carter	British Airways (BA)
	Norway	Mr. Sebastian Pelissier	Norwegian Air Shuttle (DY)
	UK	<u>Ms. Rikke Christensen</u>	Virgin Atlantic(VS)
	Japan	Mr. Takayuki Asai	All Nippon Airways (NH)
	USA	Ms. Jennifer Sayre	Delta Airlines (DL)
	Chili	Mr. Santiago Tula	LATAM (LA)
	USA	<u>Ms. Michele Boyce</u>	United Airlines(UA)
Coordinators (WWACG)	Austria	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistl	SCA - Austria
	Belgium	<u>Mr. Didier Hocq</u>	BSC - Belgium
	UK	Mr. Edmond Rose	ACL - UK
	Norway	Mr. Fred Wister	SCN - Norway
	Australia	Ms. Petra Popovac	ACA - Australia
	Japan	<u>Mr. Hirohiko Kawakatsu</u>	JSC – Japan
	USA	Mr. Brian Meehan	FAA Runways - USA

WASB Secretariat Member

Affiliation	Country	Name	Organization
ACI	Canada	Mr. Philippe Villard	ACI World
		Ms. Sophie Riopel-Gewelt	ACI World
IATA	Switzerland	Ms. Lara Maughan	IATA
		Mr. Dimiter Zahariev	IATA
		Mr. John Middleton	IATA
WWACG	Spain	<u>Mr. Ignacio Manasterio</u>	AECFA - Spain
	Germany	Mr. Rene Maysokolua	Fluko - German
	USA	Mr. Paul Lark	ORD - USA

From the Editor

This year, Christmas trees and other decorations look a little bit smaller than usual, but we still feel happiness with them.

I would like to enjoy small warm Christmas with my family and friends. I wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Also I wish we can overcome the COVID-19 with vaccine and other wisdom of human beings, and we can feel free again to travel all over the world and to meet friends/colleagues in person in 2021. (H.K.)

