

NEWS RELEASE

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Yamato Transport Co., Ltd.

Hokkaido Air System Co., LTD.

Launch of Trial Transportation of Specialty and Local Hokkaido Products (Including Remote Islands) to Other Regions Using Hokkaido Air System and Yamato Transport's Transportation Network

Helping to expand sales channels through speedy, integrated transportation by utilizing late-night flights of cargo planes

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Yutaka Nagao; hereinafter "Yamato Transport") and Hokkaido Air

System Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido; Representative Director and President: Eiji Takemura; hereinafter "HAC") have announced that starting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, they have started a trial project to transport specialty products and local produce from various parts of Hokkaido, including remote islands, to locations outside of Hokkaido, by integrating a Hokkaido transport network that utilizes the cargo space of HAC's small passenger aircraft (model ATR-42) with a nationwide transport network that utilizes Yamato Transport trucks and cargo planes (hereinafter "freighters").

This trial transportation project is part of the Air Cargo Transportation Network Enhancement Project Consignment Project^{*1} for which Yamato Transport and HAC signed a contract with the Civil Aviation Division of the Hokkaido Bureau of Aeronautics and Harbors on Friday, July 12, 2024. Utilizing the cargo space of small passenger aircraft operating within Hokkaido, the project aims to maintain and expand Hokkaido's air transportation network and solve various logistics issues concerning Hokkaido. As a first step, we will conduct demonstration transportation from Okushiri Island to build a new logistics network from remote islands. In addition, we will contribute to regional development by expanding sales channels for specialty goods and local produce from various regions in Hokkaido through speedy, integrated transportation using late-night freighter flights between New Chitose Airport and Haneda Airport.

^{*1} About the Hokkaido Bureau of Aeronautics and Harbors' Air Cargo Transportation Network Enhancement Project Consignment Project

URL: <https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/kkk/184739.html>



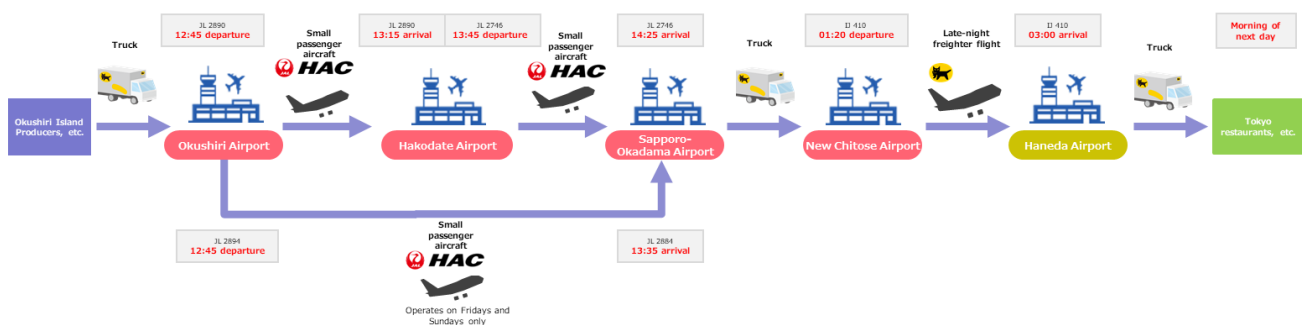
1. Trial Transportation Launch Date

July 31, 2024 (Wednesday)

2. Trial Transportation Flow

- (1) Yamato Transport collects cargo from producers on Okushiri Island and transports it via truck to Okushiri Airport.
- (2) HAC loads the cargo into the cargo space of a small passenger aircraft and transports it by air from Okushiri Airport to Sapporo–Okadama Airport via Hakodate Airport*².
- (3) Yamato Transport transports cargo via truck from Sapporo–Okadama Airport to New Chitose Airport.
- (4) Yamato Transport transports cargo by air from New Chitose Airport to Haneda Airport via freighter*³.
- (5) Yamato Transport transports cargo by truck and air from Haneda Airport to destinations in Japan and around the world.

Example Route: Transportation from Okushiri Island to the Tokyo Metropolitan Area



*² On Fridays and Sundays (except during certain periods), flights do not go through Hakodate Airport but travel directly from Okushiri Airport to Sapporo–Okadama Airport. Please see the HAC website for more details.

URL: <https://www.info.hac-air.co.jp/>

*³ Since the late-night flights between New Chitose Airport and Haneda Airport utilize late-nighter freighter flights, same-day connections can be made with the last flight departing from any airport in Hokkaido and arriving at Sapporo–Okadama Airport.

3. Initiative Benefits

- Diversification of transportation means to cope with future transportation capacity shortages, disasters, etc.
- Maintenance and expansion of the air transportation network by increasing the loading ratio for routes currently in operation in Hokkaido and improving economic and environmental performance
- Revitalization of the local economy through the expansion of commercial distribution of local products and specialties from various parts of Hokkaido, mainly perishable products with short shelf lives, to outside Hokkaido (including overseas)

4. Future Outlook

Going forward, we plan to gradually expand airport coverage for this trial transportation to Rishiri

Airport, Memanbetsu Airport, and others. We also aim to achieve sustainable growth of the air transportation network and the local economy in Hokkaido through the development of transportation materials and operation systems suitable for small passenger aircraft, and further utilization of Sapporo–Okadama Airport and New Chitose Airport by strengthening cooperation with local governments, businesses, and other entities.

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