

# **NEWS RELEASE**

April 07, 2025 Yamato Transport Co., Ltd.

New Communication Board Enables Hearing-Impaired and Non-Japanese Speakers to Send TA-Q-BIN by Pointing to Illustrations Rollout at Expo 2025 service counters and 767 sales offices in Tokyo and Kansai to be followed by all of Japan in fall 2025

Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President: Seiichi Awa) hereby announces that it has, as of April 7, 2025, begun to introduce its original Communication Board. This new feature, which allows customers to complete procedures for sending TA-Q-BIN parcels by simply pointing to illustrations or characters, will be introduced at 767 sales offices in the Tokyo and Kansai areas. The service will also be introduced at Yamato Transport's West Gate Store and East Gate Store, which provide package delivery and baggage storage services at the venue of the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, which begins on April 13, 2025. This is designed to create an environment with comfort and peace of mind for all customers, including those who are hearing-impaired or do not speak Japanese, as they use our TA-Q-BIN services.



Yamato Transport has been working to develop the Communication Board since 2024, prompted by a suggestion from a sales office employee who works directly with customers. These boards support Japanese and English speakers, with plans to add other languages, such as Chinese and Korean, depending on regional characteristics and customer needs. We plan to introduce the system to all of our sales offices in Japan by the fall of 2025 to coincide with the increase in inbound traffic and TOKYO 2025 Deaflympics to be held in Tokyo in November.

#### ■Illustration of Communication Boards









### ■Background of Introduction of Communication Boards

With the April 2024 revision of the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities\*1, "reasonable accommodation" by businesses for customers with disabilities has been changed from an obligation to cooperate to a full obligation, requiring companies to make efforts to ensure that their services are not limited by the presence or absence of disabilities in the course of business. In addition, the need for multilingual support is increasing as the number of inbound visitors grows.

#### ■Past Initiatives of the Yamato Group

In February 2024, the Yamato Group formulated its Medium-Term Management Plan "Sustainability Transformation 2030 ~1st Stage~." With a social vision of "contribution to the co-development of a fair society that 'Leaves No One Behind,'" we respect our employees' human rights and diversity and aim to improve their engagement and realize diversity and inclusion.

In 2022, in order to provide appropriate support for people with disabilities, we, alongside Mirairo Inc., jointly developed the Yamato Group's original Universal Manners Test\*2 in line with our daily work. Courses for this test launched for Yamato Transport employees, and in fiscal 2024, approximately 35,000 employees took the course, with a total of approximately 58,000 employees having completed the program so far.

For users who speak languages other than Japanese, since October 2024, we have also been providing a tool that enables the issuance of a TA-Q-BIN waybill from a dedicated website supporting four languages\*3 for hotels, airports, and other tourist facilities.

\*1 Cabinet Office: "Act for Eliminating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities"

URL: https://www8.cao.go.jp/shougai/english/pdf/act-2.pdf

\*2 This certification test is designed to systematically learn and acquire the mindset and actions for addressing a diverse range of people, including the elderly and people with disabilities.

\*3 Japanese, English, Chinese (traditional and simplified), Korean

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