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Aviation Network Department, Civil Aviation Bureau

## Hokkaido Bundled 7 Airport Concession Project will Commence in 2020

~Toward further tourism promotion across Hokkaido~

MLIT has decided to outsource the operation of 4 national airports to the private sector from 2020, and has developed its "Implementation Policy" which sets forth the outline of the project etc. MLIT along with Asahikawa, Obihiro and Hokkaido aims to promote utilization and improve services of the 7 airports\* in the bundled project by making full use of the private-sector know-how

\*National airport (New Chitose, Wakkanai, Hakodate) , Specific municipal airport (Asahikawa, Obihiro) , Municipal airport (Memambetsu)

The bundled concession project is an unprecedented effort by MLIT, Asahikawa, Obihiro and Hokkaido to jointly outsource the 7 airports in Hokkaido to the private sector.

### 1. Outline of the Implementation Policy

- Duration of project : 30 years (Maximum 35 years including expansions due to force majeure etc.)
- Scope of business : Operation of the airports etc., operation of terminal buildings and car parking facilities etc.
- Project structure : The State shall select an operator through public offering.

The operator will integrate operations of the runways and the terminal buildings etc.\*

The State shall set the right to operate public facilities and receive the concession fees from the operator

\*The operator will operate Asahikawa Airport, Obihiro Airport and Memambetsu Airport in addition to the operation of 4 National airports

\*Implementation Policy etc. of Asahikawa Airport, Obihiro Airport and Memambetsu Airport will be uploaded on the website of the respective administrators on Monday, 2 April 2018.

- Asahikawa Airport :

<http://www.city.asahikawa.hokkaido.jp/kurashi/452/459/460/777.html>

- Obihiro Airport :

<http://www.city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp/shoukougankoubu/kuukoujimusho/kukokeieikaikaku/>

- Memambetsu Airport :

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/kus/index.htm>

### 2. Joint briefing of the Implementation Policy

A joint briefing of the Implementation Policy regarding the Hokkaido 7 bundled airport concession project will be held on Thursday, 5 April 2018, to be jointly hosted by MLIT, Asahikawa, Obihiro and Hokkaido. Please refer to the Exhibit for details of the briefing and its rules for participation. A summary English presentation will be uploaded following the briefing at [http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/koku\\_tk5\\_000045.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/koku/koku_tk5_000045.html).

**3. Acceptance of opinions of the Implementation Policy**

We will accept opinions on the Implementation Policy during the period from 17:00 Thursday, 5 April to 15:00 Friday, 20 April. As to the submission method etc., please refer to the Exhibit.

**4. Future schedule (tentative)**

- Around April 2018            Official announcement of Application Guidelines etc.
- Around July 2019           Selection of first refusal right holders
- Around October 2019       Execution of the agreement
- Around January 2020       Commencement of terminal building operations at all 7 airports
- Around June 2020 ~        Commencement of runway operations
  - Around June 2020 : New Chitose Airport
  - Around October 2020 : Asahikawa Airport
  - Around March 2021 : Wakkanai Airport • Kushiro Airport • Hakodate Airport • Obihiro Airport • Memanbetsu Airport

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