

JAL Group Traffic Result for 2005 Summer Vacation Period

TOKYO August 22: The Japan Airlines Group today announced results for international and domestic passenger traffic for the 31-day Japanese summer vacation period from July 22 to August 21.

International results: The JAL Group, based on the combined results of JAL, JALways and Japan Asia Airways, carried a total of 684,956 international passengers during the summer vacation period, just 0.9% less than in the same vacation period last year. The seat load factor was 73.4%.

Traffic on transpacific routes to Hawaii, the mainland of North America and Korea was good, either matching or exceeding last year's results (*see chart*). Load factors were high on routes from Japan to Hawaii (81.9%), the mainland USA (91.7%) and Oceania (86.3%). On the downside, demand to beach resort destinations in Southeast Asia routes was below last year, reflecting the slow recovery of Japanese traffic since the December 2004 tsunami. Traffic to China was also down on last year (-6.5%), due to the lingering effect of anti-Japanese demonstrations in April this year.

JAL operated 34 extra flights on Pacific resort routes and additionally made a total of 152 tourist charter flights (106 more than in the 2004 vacation season) including some to new destinations such as Prague, St. Petersburg and Alice Springs, Australia, as well as to resort spots such as Hawaii, Guam and Palau.

Domestic result: The JAL Group domestic summer vacation domestic passenger total was 4,253,368 – 1.4% lower than last year's result. However domestic seat supply was 2.6% lower than the same period last year and load factor improved to 68.5%.

The JAL Group operated an additional 147 flights to popular vacation destinations, including Okinawa.

(1) International traffic results

JAL GROUP INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC (Japan departures)			
JAL/ JAZ Routes	Passenger Total	Comparison with 2004 %	Seat load factor %
Hawaii	91,914	+0.1	81.9
Transpacific	80,094	+6.1	91.7
Europe	71,650	-3.3	73.1
S.E. Asia	142,584	-0.6	66.9
Oceania	37,484	-0.7	86.3
Guam/ Saipan	43,623	-9.0	80.8
Korea	86,074	+1.9	78.8
China	70,067	-6.5	51.2
SUBTOTAL	623,490	-1.0	73.0
JAA Routes	Passenger Total	Comparison with 2004 %	Seat load factor %
Taiwan	61,466	0.6	77.4
TOTAL	684,956	-0.9	73.4

(JAZ=JALways; JAA=Japan Asia Airways)

(2) Domestic traffic results

JAL GROUP DOMESTIC TRAFFIC			
	Passenger Total	Comparison with 2004 %	Seat load factor %
JAL / JEX	3,801,146	-2.1	68.4
JTA	265,979	+4.4	70.0
RAC	21,996	-3.1	64.9
JAC	148,067	+7.4	70.5
HAC	16,180	-1.8	60.8
TOTAL	4,253,368	-1.4	68.5

(JEX=JAL Express; JTA=Japan Transocean Air; RAC=Ryukyu Air Commuter; JAC=Japan Air Commuter; HAC=Hokkaido Air System)

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