



## NEWS RELEASE

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# Kansai Airports launches a new ground handling company for Kobe Airport

Kansai Airports (based in Izumi Sano City, Osaka) and HITO-Communications, Inc. (based in Toshima Ward, Tokyo) are delighted to announce the establishment of a new ground handling company called “Kobe Airport Aviation Services” on March 3, 2025.

The new company is a joint venture between CKTS Co., Ltd., a group company of Kansai Airports and HITO-Communications, Inc. It will start providing ground handling services from April 2025 at Kobe Airport.

Comment from Tetsuya Onuki, Representative Director of CKTS

“We are very pleased to be able to contribute to the development of Kobe Airport and its local area, while at the same time strengthening our ground handling service system for flights arriving in and departing from the Kansai region, by expanding our business to Kobe Airport in collaboration with HITO Communications.”

Comment from Toyomi Yasui, CEO of HITO Communications

“With the commencement of international charter flights from April, we are very pleased to be able to expand our business into the internationalization of Kobe Airport together with CKTS. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with Kansai Airports and CKTS, and contribute to the internationalization of Kobe Airport and the development of the region.”

Kansai Airports Group and HITO Communications will securely accommodate the ever-growing air traffic and create comfortable and enjoyable travel experiences for our passengers.

### **Outline of the new company**

Name: Kobe Airport Aviation Services (Representative Director Tetsuya Onuki)

Headquarters: Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture

Date of establishment: March 3, 2025

**CKTS Co., Ltd.** started its operations when the Kansai International Airport (KIX) opened in 1994. As a comprehensive ground handling service provider, it offers a wide range of services from customer service to ramp operations and cargo handling operations at KIX and Haneda Airport. It has become a group company of the Kansai Airports Group since 2016, integrating its ground handling services with airport operations. (<https://www.ckts.co.jp/index.html> )

**HITO-Communications, Inc.**, established in 1998, has developed an outsourcing business specializing in sales, service, and sales support, characterized by its 'results-oriented sales support.' In 2023, the company acquired FMG, an airport ground handling business. Now, HITO-Communications engages in airport-related work both inside and outside restricted areas, with airport ground handling at its core. (<https://hitocom.co.jp/> )

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