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SKYTRAX World Airport Awards 2026

KIX Ranked No.1 in the World's Best Low-Cost Terminal Category!

Kansai Airports is pleased to announce that Kansai International Airport (KIX) has been named the World's Best Low-Cost Terminal in the World Airport Awards 2026*, conducted by SKYTRAX, a UK-based aviation service research firm. The awards are based on evaluations of more than 550 airports worldwide.

This award recognizes terminals dedicated to low-cost carrier (LCC) operations. Kansai International Airport has received the awards five times, following previous wins in 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2022. Since its opening in October 2012, Terminal 2 has implemented a number of initiatives to enhance passenger comfort—such as Japan's first walk-through duty-free shop at a domestic airport, smart lanes designed to streamline security screening, and the ongoing terminal expansion. We believe these efforts contributed to this year's recognition.

In addition, the renovation work is currently underway in the domestic area to accommodate future growth in traffic, and the renewed facilities are set to open on Wednesday, 1 April 2026. This upgrade is expected to further enhance convenience and comfort for our passengers.

Kansai Airports Group will continue to create an environment where all airport users can enjoy a comfortable and pleasant experience, providing memorable journeys for everyone.

Note: World Airport Awards results are based on customer satisfaction surveys collected from air travelers across 100 countries and regions, covering more than 550 airports worldwide.



- Other nominations for Kansai Airports Group
 - World's Best Domestic Airports (ITAMI) : 2nd place
 - World's Best Airports for Baggage Delivery (KIX) : 3rd place
 - World's Cleanest Airports (KIX) : 7th place
 - World's Best Airport Washrooms (KIX) : 10th place



Kansai Airports was established by a consortium made up of VINCI Airports and ORIX Corporation as its core members. Kansai Airports took over the operations of Kansai International Airport (“KIX”) and Osaka Itami Airport (“ITAMI”) from New Kansai International Airport Company (“NKIAC”) and has been operating the two airports since 1 April 2016.

Kansai Airports Kobe, Kansai Airports’ wholly-owned subsidiary, took over the operations of Kobe Airport (“KOBE”) from Kobe City and started its business as an operating company on 1 April 2018.

Under the concept of “One Kansai Airports Group”, Kansai Airports group strives to continuously improve its services for all airport guests through appropriate investments and efficient operations, with safety and security being the top priority. Kansai Airports group aims to maximize the potential of the three airports, for the benefit of the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit : <http://www.kansai-airports.co.jp/en/>

Kansai Airports

Location	1-banchi, Senshu-kuko kita, Izumisano-shi, Osaka	Shareholders	ORIX 40%, VINCI Airports 40%, Other investors 20% ¹
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO:Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kansai International Airport and Osaka Itami Airport		

Kansai Airports Kobe

Location	1-ban, Kobe-kuko, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo	Shareholder	Kansai Airports 100%
Company Representatives	Representative Director and CEO: Yoshiyuki Yamaya Representative Director and Co-CEO: Benoit Rulleau		
Business Scope	Operation and management services, etc. of Kobe Airport		



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VINCI Airports, as the leading private airport operator in the world, manages the development and operation of more than 70 airports located in 14 countries. VINCI Airports draws on its expertise as a comprehensive integrator to develop, finance, build and operate airports, leveraging its investment capability and know-how to optimise operational performance and modernise infrastructure while bringing about their environmental transition. In 2016, VINCI Airports became the first airport operator to commit to an international environmental strategy, setting itself the aim of reaching zero net emissions (scope 1 and 2) across the network by 2050 while supporting its stakeholders’ transition.

For more information: www.vinci-airports.com

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