ANA Launches New Narita-Wuhan Route

ANA to start flying daily between Tokyo Narita and Wuhan, Central China from April 2016 By operating to 11 cities in China, ANA makes travel between Japan and China more convenient

TOKYO, December 7, 2015 – ANA announced the opening of a new route between Tokyo Narita and Wuhan, China beginning on April 28, 2016. ANA boasts flights to more Chinese destinations than any other Japanese airline, and currently flies from Japan to 10 cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Dalian, Shenyang, Qingdao, Hangzhou, Xiamen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. Wuhan is the largest city in central China, and Japanese corporations especially in the automotive sector are increasing their foothold in the region, so ANA expects to generate strong demand for both Chinese leisure travel to Japan, as well as Japanese business travel to Wuhan.

The number of Chinese visitors to Japan continues to soar to record levels. During the first 10 months of the year, about 4,280,000 Chinese visited Japan, an increase of 113% compared to the previous year¹.

The new route to Wuhan also greatly increases convenience for travel between China and North America via ANA's hub at Narita Airport. The planned timetable will see the flight departing Wuhan in the morning and arriving at Narita in the afternoon, while departing Narita in the evening for a nighttime landing back in Wuhan. This will enable same day connections between Wuhan and ANA's North American destinations. ANA also operates domestic trunk routes from Narita Airport to other major Japanese cities such as Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka and Sapporo, and together with the Experience_JAPAN Fare, international passengers will have the chance to explore more of Japan for just JPY10,800 per person² per domestic segment.

In 2016, ANA will celebrate its 30th anniversary since its first regular international flights.

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About ANA

ANA is the largest airline in Japan by revenues and passenger numbers. Founded in 1952, ANA flies today on 74 international routes and 120 domestic routes. The ANA group has 35,000 employees and a fleet of 243 aircraft. In FY2014, it carried 50.4 million passengers and generated revenues of 1.71 trillion Japanese yen. ANA has been a member of Star Alliance since 1999, and has joint-ventures with United Airlines on trans-Pacific and Asia routes, and with Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines and Austrian Airlines on Japan-Europe routes. Its Frequent Flyer Program, ANA Mileage Club, has more than 26 million members. ANA was voted Airline of the Year for 2013 by Air Transport World Magazine, and in 2015 was awarded five stars for the third consecutive year by the world's leading Airline and Airport review site, SKYTRAX. ANA is the launch customer and biggest operator of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

^{*}The above plans are subject to approval from the relevant authorities.

^{*}The details of starting date, timetable and aircraft type will be announced in a separate press release once finalized.

¹ According to the Japan National Tourism Organization, November 2015

² Terms and conditions apply. Please visit the website for details.