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## **SWISSPORT AND HONG KONG AIRLINES EXTEND PARTNERSHIP IN JAPAN**

Swissport and Hong Kong Airlines are extending their long-standing partnership in Japan until 2025. The cooperation covers services at Kansai Airport near Osaka and at Tokyo's Narita International Airport. Swissport Japan has been providing airport ground services and air cargo handling to Hong Kong Airlines since July 2016.

Swissport in Japan has signed an extension for another three-year term with Hong Kong Airlines at Kansai International Airport (KIX), serving Japan's Greater Osaka Area; and Narita International Airport (NRT), serving the Greater Tokyo Area. The renewed contract extends the longstanding partnership by three years until 2025 and includes airport ground services and air cargo handling for the Hong Kong based carrier.

"We are pleased to extend our successful partnership with Hong Kong Airlines in Japan," says Brad Moore, Managing Director of Asia Pacific at Swissport. "We're looking forward to seeing their aircraft and volumes return back to pre-COVID numbers as travel restrictions continue to ease across much of Asia."

"Swissport Japan is honored to continue providing services to one of our key customers in Kansai and Narita," says Stephan Kaeser, Director and COO of Swissport Japan. "The extension of the partnership is the result of our close and fruitful cooperation which never ceased throughout the ongoing pandemic in Asia, and we value the trust from Hong Kong Airlines. We look forward to continuing to deliver day in and day out for them."

In Japan, Swissport has been providing passenger services, ramp handling, cabin cleaning, and air cargo handling to Hong Kong Airlines since July 2016 at Kansai Airport and Narita International Airport. Prior to the pandemic, the air carrier operated up to three flights per day to both airports from Hong Kong International Airport using A350, A330 and A320 aircraft. The airline operates a fleet of 32 aircraft serving over 40 destinations.

In 2021, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 97 million airline passengers (pre-COVID 2019: 265 million) and handled roughly 5.1 million tons of air freight (2019: 4.6 million) at over 120 air cargo centers worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. As of 14 July 2022, the world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with some 48,000 employees, was active at 287 airports in 45 countries on six continents covering more airports than any of its competitors.

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