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An Outline of 41st Informal Pacific ATC Coordinating Group (IPACG/41) meeting

~ Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) and United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) discussed Air Traffic Control (ATC) operational improvements across the Pacific ~

The 41st IPACG meeting was held in Kyoto from 16th to 17th September 2015.

IPACG met for the first time in 1989 and today meets once a year to discuss improvements of ATC operations across the Pacific between JCAB and FAA. This year 61 stakeholders participated in IPACG/41 including US Department of Defense, various airline partners, International Air Transportation Association (IATA), Electric Navigation Research Institute (ENRI), and NEC Corporation.

The agenda for IPACG/41 included enhancement of User Preferred Route(UPR) and Dynamic Airborne Reroute Procedure(DARP) operations, RNP-4 navigation capability, FANS-1A equipage, use of ADS-C surveillance measures, North Pacific volcanic ash issue and global flight tracking. Several presentations were made followed by technical discussions. As a result, two ANSPs agreed to bilaterally enhance information sharing and pursue solutions to improve safety and efficiency of oceanic air traffic control across the Pacific.

The next IPACG meeting is planned to be held in the United States in September 2016.

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