Progressing towards Air Services Liberalization Across Northeast Asia

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Latest Achievements

- ♦ China-Japan air talk on 29-31 March 2006 in Sendai
- New agreement signed on 13 July 2006 in Beijing by CAAC Minister Yang Yuanyuan and MLIT Minister Kitagawa Kazuo
- Comparing with 2003 agreement:
 - Designated airlines increase by 116.7%
 - Points increase by 9.5%
 - Passenger capacity increase by 20.5%
 - Cargo capacity increase by 100%
 - ➤ Slots increase by 40.5 % for China and 23.3% for Japan
 - 7 New domestic code share points
 - Wet lease operation allowed on certain conditions
 - Sufficient overflying rights

Latest Achievements (cont'd)

- China-Korea air talk and agreement on 16 June 2006 in Weihai
- Comparing with 2004 agreement:
 - > Points increase 4.8% for China and 16.7% for Korea
 - Passenger frequency increase by 50%
 - Cargo frequency increase by 111.8%
 - 5th freedom traffic rights increase by 200% for China and 85.7% for Korea
 - Unlimited routes, frequencies and numbers of designated airlines between Shandong Province, Hainan Province of China and Korea since 2006
 - Future goal: full Liberalization of 3rd and 4th freedom traffic rights by 2010

Constraint Remains

- Major constraints on China part: major airports congestion and major routes congestion preventing "big bang" liberalization:
- □ Slots availability at Beijing and Shanghai airports
 - PEK reached its safety limit: 1100 flights/day
 - PVG reached its safety limit: 650 flights/day
- □ Route capacity to/from Beijing and Shanghai airports
 - China RVSM trial implementation by end 2007
 - Airspace organization: military needs have to be taken into account

New Driving Force

China-Japan Trade Growth (Billion USD)

Year	Import & Export Volume	Growth Rate
1990	16.60	13.2%
2000	83.17	25.7%
2005	184.44	9.9%

◆ Japanese Investment to China (Million USD)

Year	Projects	Contracted Investment	Realized Investment
1990	341	457	503.38
2000	1614	3680.51	2915.85
2005	3269	11919.88	6529.77

China-Korea Trade Growth (Billion USD)

Year	Import & Export Volume	Growth Rate
1995	16.98	44.8%
2000	34.50	37.8%
2005	111.93	24.3%

♦ Korean Investment to China (Million USD)

Year	Projects	Contracted Investment	Realized Investment
1995	1974	2.96	1.04
2000	2565	2.39	1.49
2005	6115	19.76	5.17

New Driving Force (cont'd)

- Improved China-Japan relations
- Official visit to China on 8 October 2006 by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
- "friendly and co-operative Sino-Japanese relations orientated towards the 21st century"
 ----Hu Jintao
- "It is necessary to forcefully push both the political and the economic wheels forward to promote Sino-Japanese relations"

New Driving Force (cont'd)

- China-Japan Joint Communique Requires:
 - To establish the relations of mutual benefit based on the common strategic interests
 - To promote closer exchange and cooperation in wide area of politics, economy, security, culture, social affairs, energy, environmental protection, IT and communication, IPR protection, etc.
 - To intensify youth exchange
- All those objectives will surely call for more liberalized air services

New Topic: SHA-HND-GMP Triangle Shuttle Air Services

- PM Shinzo Abe in his visit to China proposed to establish SHA-HND shuttle air services
- Premier Wen Jiabao responded to give positive consideration
- ➤ At 10+3 summit with ASEAN on 14 Jan 2007 in Cebu Korean leader proposed to Chinese leader to open SHA-HND-GMP triangle shuttle air services
- Benefits
 - more convenient flow for the peoples of the NEA countries
 - Possible Pilot project of NEA regional air services Liberalization
- China takes a positive attitude, however, conditions not yet in place at SHA:
 - airport movement ceiling
 - international passenger facilities
 - C.I.Q facilities
 - eastward routes
 - different role of SHA and PVG assigned by Shanghai master development program

Recommendations

- Continuing the present process of bilateral liberalization
 - **©** China-Japan model:
 - cargo liberalization ahead of passenger
 - gradual easing restrictions in most areas of bilateral traffic rights arrangement i.e. designation, points, capacity entitlement, domestic code share, business jet service, overfly rights, etc
 - **©** China-Korea model:
 - secondary cities liberalization ahead of major cities
 - phase-in objective
- Initiating joint survey on the feasibility of SHA-HND-GMP triangle shuttle sir services

Recommendations (cont'd)

- Promoting regulation harmonization: safety, security, air traffic control, etc
- Strengthening coordination on international and regional issues e.g. ICAO affairs, Asia/Pacific aviation cooperation, EU "Horizontal Agreement", EU ETS to include aviation emission, etc
- □ Staging dissemination of the academic research outcome and recommendation on NEA air services liberalization to both leaders and public

Recommendations (cont'd)

- Maintaining high level dialogue between the aviation authorities for better mutual understanding
 - China-Japan Aviation Policy Dialogue
 - China-Korea Civil Aviation Cooperation Conference
- Promoting industry exchange of views on NEA cooperation for common action

airport: formation of AEEE, 11 members, regular meetings actions taken: quadrulingual markings, common service standards, cost control, etc

airlines:?

Recommendations (cont'd)

Preventing from further granting to third country carriers 5th freedom traffic rights across NEA

Thank you!