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Welcome

The JITI Journal is a bimonthly publication of the Japan International Transport Institute, USA (JITI), in which JITI shares information on transportation developments in Japan and elsewhere, as well as recent JITI programs. As a supplement to our regular events, we hope that the Journal likewise serves as a resource for the transportation community.

We hope this issue finds you well and we apologize for its lateness. It's been a busy few months for JITI, including our most recent seminar held in the latter half of May. We appreciate everyone who was able to attend the seminar and we hope to see you at our next event.

In this issue, JITI staff member Sarah Fraser presents an article revisiting ICAO and the CORSIA scheme, in relation to the current political climate as well as to our workshop that was held in January of 2017. Additionally, JITI staff member Sayaka Fukahori writes a short article on the ease and accessibility of travelling with small children in Tokyo, as well as some of the difficulties.

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On May 18th, JITI hosted a seminar at the Willard Hotel. Considering the dramatically increasing air traffic volume and the expectation that air traffic will steadily increase in the future, JITI invited officials from Japan, the U.S., and Europe who had been involved in the development of future air traffic systems, as well as academic experts, and airline industry specialists. The speakers discussed the current situation of each program, mutual cooperation between the programs, and the challenges inherent in future development and deployment of the systems. Click [here](#) for overview, presentation materials, and bios of the keynote speakers.

[JITI 2017 Aviation Workshop Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation](#)



On January 27th, JITI hosted a workshop at the Hay Adams hotel, prior to the introduction of the GMBM. JITI invited an ICAO professional and Japanese and U.S. airline representatives, to discuss the content of the GMBM, the discussion leading up to it, the direction and design of the detailed system for the future, airline response, impact on users, and how to obtain the participation of States during the voluntary phase. Click [here](#) for an overview, presentation materials, and bios of the keynote speakers.

ICAO and the CORSIA Scheme



In January of 2017, JITI held a workshop at the Hay Adams, on the topic of ICAO and the implementation of the Global Market-Based Measure, or GMBM, to be introduced to address the problem of international aviation emissions, in light of the Paris agreement being passed by the UN in December of 2015. JITI would like to retouch on the CORSIA scheme and its current status for our report this issue of the JITI Journal.

Since our workshop in January, there has been some movement on the CORSIA scheme. For instant, as of May 11th, according to the ICAO official site, 69 states, which represent more than 87% of international aviation intend to voluntarily participate in the global MBM scheme from the initial outset. Recent states that have committed to their voluntary participation are El Salvador, Gabon, and Saudi Arabia[i]. ICAO also held a seminar in May on the CORSIA[ii]. The conference covered a wide variety of information including breakdowns of the CORSIA scheme, information on monitoring, reporting and verification, emissions units and registries, as well as a breakdown of states' current readiness with regards to CORSIA implementation[iii]. This information sharing based seminar was undoubtedly helpful to the states that will participate in CORSIA, starting from its voluntary phase.

Given the fact that CORSIA and the GMBM are inextricably linked with climate change and the pressure on the international aviation community to deal with international aviation emissions, as opposed to the domestic emission issues presented in the Paris Agreement, it is necessary to note the current situation in the United States. Though President Trump has recently committed to withdrawing the United States from the Paris agreement, over the course of a year, this change in policy is separate from ICAO and the United States voluntary participation in the first phase of the GMBM. Of course, these policies are linked and were pioneered, in a sense, to complement each other. It will be interesting to see how this continue to develop during the current U.S. administration, over the course of the next few years, and through the first phase of CORSIA in the following of years. Also of note will be the response in other voluntarily participating states, such as Japan, not only when the first phase of CORSIA begins, but also in the years leading up to the implementation on the first stage and its formal commencement in 2021.

[i] <https://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Pages/market-based-measures.aspx>

[ii] <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/CORSIAHQ17/Pages/default.aspx>

[iii] <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/CORSIAHQ17/Pages/Documentation.aspx>

Outings with Babies and Toddlers in Japan

by Sayaka Fukahori Mensah

Each county has its strengths and weaknesses when it comes to maneuvering around cities with a baby or a toddler - whether it is the ease with which parents can push a stroller on the sidewalk, or finding places other than bathrooms to breastfeed, rinse out bottles, and change diapers.

While the environment greatly varies from cities to cities within a country, I was pleased with the variety of "kid friendly" amenities Japan has to offer. For example, comfy breastfeeding rooms and hot water dispensers for formula have become standards in shopping malls, airports, and large stations.



Baby Room inside JR Tokyo Station
(http://www.tokyoinfo.com/access/nursing_room/)



Kid's Play Area at Narita Airport
(<https://www.narita-airport.jp/jp/>)

Some of these places even offers toddler-sized stools and sinks. You could find kid-sized drinks sold at most convenience stores, and many restaurants offer the appropriate size of spoons, forks, cups, straws, and plates for kids.



Kids Menu Offered on ANA
(<https://www.ana.co.jp/>)

Trains have a designated stroller section, - which was briefly a controversial issue as to whether parents should or should not fold strollers while on board the train.

However, there are some challenges as well. Strollers, and sometimes even babies or toddlers, are extremely hard to accommodate on a rush hour train or bus, or even on a busy sidewalk. Elevators may not be available in all places, requiring parents to carry their stroller and baby/toddler, as well as their personal belongs, up and down stairs. Some train stations have a foot-wide gap between the train and the platform which creates a dangerous situation for and parents with strollers and young children as they try to board trains. Some of these physical barriers have been improving over the years while others, such as the challenge of riding a jam-packed train or bus with a young child, are likely to persist.

Nonetheless, as a parent of a young child, Japan continues to amaze me with the thoughtfulness it has to offer to families traveling with young children.

Transportation News Roundup

Tokyo Metro stopping their trains during a North Korean missile launch threat has drawn a lot of commentary from those in and outside of the country as an over reaction, the Japan Times reports: [Tokyo Metro gets flack for halting subway trains for North Korea missile launch](#)

In response to an increase of Muslim tourists and visitors to Japan, [JR East to set up prayer room at Tokyo Station](#), the Japan Time reports. This prayer room will be open to anyone who would like to use it.

[JR East unveils all-suite sleeper](#) that is set to launch in May, with luxury two to four day travel plans across Japan.

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