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## **GOLD COAST AIRPORT WELCOMES MAJOR JETSTAR ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Gold Coast Airport has welcomed news this afternoon from Jetstar that it will commence flights directly from Tokyo (Narita) Japan, into the Gold Coast five times per week.

The announcement confirms the Gold Coast's continued advancement as a leading destination on both a domestic and international level, cemented by the strong support from the trade industry in both Australia and Japan.

Gold Coast Airport Managing Director, Dennis Chant said the announcement was symbolic of the future of tourism on the Gold Coast.

"The commitment from Jetstar is a real boost for the region and signifies their belief that the future of international tourism on the Gold Coast is looking brighter than ever.

"This announcement follows a week of speculation about the aviation industry amidst ever-increasing fuel prices and the confirmation from Qantas to stop its two daily direct services to Sydney from the Gold Coast.

"We have remained confident that we will continue to grow our business with the Qantas group through the successful Jetstar operation at the Gold Coast and today's news has reinforced that.

"We are thrilled with this news and welcome yet another international flight to the Gold Coast from this key market.

"Our research shows the vast majority of inbound Japanese passengers choose to end their journey on the Gold Coast so this is very positive news for the local tourism industry and Queensland tourism generally.

"This means we will soon be welcoming another new service into the Gold Coast that will not only provide additional low-cost services for international travelers, but also gives locals yet another option for international travel," Mr Chant said.

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## Gold Coast Airport

This news today is in addition to the recent announcement that from October, Jetstar will operate daily services from Osaka to Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast Airport terminal expansion currently underway includes international facilities targeted directly to the low-cost carriers for fast turnarounds.

Gold Coast is a key component of the portfolio of airports owned by Queensland Airports Limited that also includes the gateways of Townsville and Mount Isa.

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