

CHAPTER 7 TRAINING

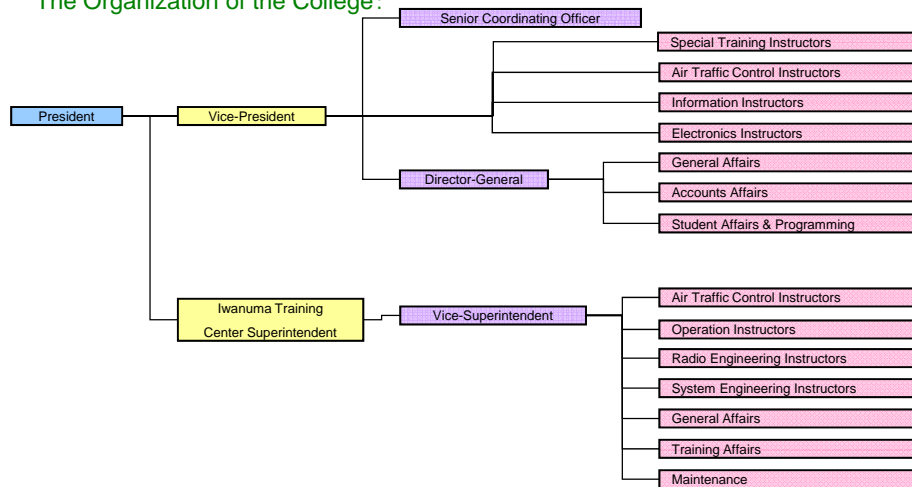
AERONAUTICAL SAFETY COLLEGE

The Training Center was established in 1964 at Tokyo International Airport for the training of Air Traffic Controllers (ATC) and maintenance personnel of the Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

The center was renamed in 1967 to Aeronautical Safety Institute, and then in 1971 to Aeronautical Safety College(ASC). The training courses and subjects have been continuously revised and updated to keep pace with high technology brought about by the introduction and development of ever-progressing aeronautical and ATS systems. ASC has moved to near Kansai International Airport from Tokyo International Airport in April 2008.

In 1974, a modern branch school was opened at Iwanuma City in Miyagi Prefecture, and then in 2002 that was renamed to Iwanuma Training Center. The center has quite modern computers and radar simulator system in order to meet the requirements for training and to cope with the fast-developing system of ATS Japan.

The Organization of the College:



There are many training courses at the branch school that are normally open for developing ATC, communicators and radio/electronic maintenance personnel.

Instructors:

The college instructors are usually selected for their operational experience and qualifications. They are encouraged to visit operating stations during their tenure to keep in touch with the actual and latest operation.

Training equipment:

The college makes extensive use of the latest visual/aural training aids including projectors, VTRs, analog/digital radar control simulators, computer-aided instruction systems and language laboratories.

Examinations:

Theoretical and practical education is given to students in all aspects of ATS to become ATC and so on. They have to take and pass the examinations conducted by the Civil Aviation Bureau for the ATC's license and appropriate ratings.

Qualifications for Application:

ATC Course:

1. Persons between the age of 21 and 29.
2. Persons under the age of 21 who:
 - a. have graduated or expect to graduate from junior college or technical high school by March of next year.
 - b. are recognized by the National Personnel Authority as having equal status with a. above.

Regular Courses:

- Persons under the age of 21 who:
1. have graduated or expect to graduate from high school by March of next year.
 2. have completed at least 3 years of technical high school or expect to by March of next year.
 3. are recognized by the National Personnel Authority as having equal status with No. 1 above (such as those who have passed the qualifying examination for taking the college entrance examination).

Note: Aeronautical experience is not required in either course.

Courses offered:

(courses)	(Duration)	(Number of students)
•ATC course	1year	About 80 per year
•Regular courses		
1. Information course	2 years	About 25 per year
2. Electronics course	2 years	About 30 per year

Note...The number of students allowed may change from year to year.

Admission to College:

The applicants for College are given fair, competitive, nationwide examinations which are administered by the National Personnel Authority.

The examination consists of general knowledge, aptitude for the job, English language, mathematics and physics. The contents of each examination varies from course to course. The applicants for ATC courses must further meet the medical check-up requirements for professional pilots.

Students:

All students admitted into the College after passing the entrance examination become government officials.

Accommodations:

All students, as a general rule, are expected to stay in the college dormitory