Nagasaki Airport (長崎空港, Nagasaki Kūkō) (IATA: NGS, ICAO: RJFU) is an international airport located 4 km (2.5 mi) west of the railway station[2] in the city of Ōmura and 18 km (11 mi) north northeast of the Nagasaki railway station in the city of Nagasaki,[2] Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan.

The airport terminal and runway 14/32 are on an island, and the shorter runway 18/36 (now used by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force for helicopter flights) is on the mainland.

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History[edit]

The mainland portion of the airport opened as a military aerodrome in 1923, and commenced civilian joint use as Omura Airport (大村空港) in 1955.

The current island runway and terminal opened on May 1, 1975,[3] and became Japan's first full-scale airport built over water.[4] Although Nagasaki is superficially similar to Japan's other island airports, Kansai International Airport, Kobe Airport, Kitakyushu Airport, and Chūbu Centrair International Airport, Nagasaki's island existed (in a radically different shape) before the airport was constructed. Constructing the airport required flattening the island's hills and forming landfill around its shore, expanding it from 0.9 to 1.54 km2 (0.35 to 0.59 sq mi). The island had 66 residents in 13 households, all of whom agreed to relocate so that the new airport could be built.[3]

Nagasaki's first international service, to Shanghai, commenced in September 1979.[3] The main runway was extended from 2,500 m to its current length in 1980, and the old mainland "A runway" (18/36) was abolished in 2010.[4]

Airlines and destinations[edit]

Airlines Destinations

All Nippon Airways Nagoya-Centrair, Naha, Osaka-Itami, Tokyo-Haneda

China Eastern Airlines Shanghai-Pudong

HK Express Hong Kong[5]

Japan Airlines Tokyo-Haneda

Japan Airlines

operated by I-Air Osaka-Itami

Jetstar Japan Tokyo-Narita[6]

Oriental Air Bridge Fukue, Iki, Tsushima

Peach Osaka-Kansai, Tokyo-Narita

Skymark Airlines Kobe

Solaseed Air Tokyo-Haneda

Statistics[edit]

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Year Total Passengers [7]

1998 3,090,345

1999 3,056,828

2000 2,958,058

2001 2,846,646

2002 2,853,510

2003 2,834,289

2004 2,637,308

Ground transportation[edit]

Several companies provide scheduled bus service to the airport from Nagasaki, Shimabara, Sasebo, and other surrounding cities. Ferry operators provide service to Togitsu, Nagayo, and the Huis ten Bosch theme park.