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### **ACCJ Urges Further Reduction of Narita Airport User Fee**

**June 6, 2005 (Tokyo)** — The Privatization Task Force of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) reacted today to the Narita International Airport Corporation (NAA) fee reduction announcement, urging NAA to immediately begin work on reducing costs to more acceptable levels. NAA claimed that the new fee represents an overall user charge reduction of approximately 10%.

The ACCJ praises the NAA acknowledgement that user fees at Narita Airport need to be reduced and encourages a sincere and transparent negotiation process with the industry. Narita Airport fees have long been considerably and unjustifiably more expensive than other airports around the world. The ACCJ believes that 10% per year reductions over the next 5 years are achievable.

In a recently published report, entitled "Applying Global Best Practices to the Privatization of Narita Airport", the ACCJ advocates the adoption of the "single till" method, and increasing commercial revenues from such sources as duty-free shops, which will enable Narita to further reduce its world-leading charges paid by the airlines. The report also recommends establishing a regulator, highlights the importance of conforming to private-sector financial reporting and auditing standards, and engaging outside experts to advise on privatization as a way of ensuring the transparency of the process.

The ACCJ believes that the privatization of Narita Airport—a vital national asset—presents a valuable opportunity to remedy many of the ills that have plagued Narita Airport since its establishment. The strategy should include introducing global best practices that will improve airport management, lower costs, and promote the interests of all stakeholders. The report's recommendations are based on the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) principles for airport regulation, as well as global best practices and lessons learned from other successfully privatized airports.

The full English text of this report is available at  
[http://www.accj.or.jp/document\\_library/Privatization/PTFnarita\\_E.pdf](http://www.accj.or.jp/document_library/Privatization/PTFnarita_E.pdf)

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