

About the recycling on the runways grass clippings

Central Japan International Airport is pleased to announce the signage on June 11 of a memorandum of understanding between Central Japan International Airport and L-Farm Sakakibara that, as part of our SDGs initiatives, will allow the grass from the green areas around the runway to be reutilized by the local farm.

To ensure the safety of aircraft operations, the airport has a green zone around the runway that generates about 200 tons of grass clippings annually for maintenance. So far, the grass was disposed as waste following the directions of Tokoname City.

After considering the possible reuses of the airport's annual grass clippings, and under the guidance of the Aichi Prefecture Chita Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Office and the Aichi Prefecture Chita Dairy Cooperative, and agreement was made to send the grass to a local dairy farm in Handa City to use as feed or bedding for cattle. In addition, the litter will be reused as compost on the farmland in Minamichita Town.

Chubu Centrair International Airport has been aiming to be an environment friendly airport from the time of its construction. We will continue to work in collaboration with the local authorities towards a sustainable society (SDGs).

The SDGs goals:

- Recycling of grass clippings (cattle feed / litter, agricultural land compost)
- Improvement of Minamichita Town's fertile soil
- Collaboration between different industries
- Consideration of CO2 reduction, climate change control, and clean urban development



Schedule

1. Mowing of runway's green areas by YAHAGI GREEN Co., Ltd.
2. Grass clippings transportation by SAN-EI Co., Ltd.
3. Usage as cattle's feed and bedding by L-Farm Sakakibara
4. Litter reuse as compost by Minamichita Town's farmers



About the memorandum

- Date: June 11th
- Attendees:
 - Mr. Kazutomo Sakakibara, CEO of L-Farm Sakakibara Co., Ltd.
 - Mr. Yukiya Adachi, Director of YAHAGI GREEN Co., Ltd.
 - Mr. Haruyuki Ishihara, Manager, Service Division, SAN-EI Co., Ltd..
 - Mr. Atsushi Obata, Director of Aichi Prefecture Chita Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Office
 - Riki Inuzuka, President and CEO of Central Japan International Airport Co., Ltd.
 - Akiyoshi Kubo, Managing Director, Chubu Centrair International Airport Facility Service Co., Ltd.

(reference)

About L-Farm Sakakibara

- Company name: Agricultural production corporation L-Farm Sakakibara Co., Ltd.
- Operates a farm that produces delicious milk and beef in Chita Peninsula (Aichi Prefecture) and at the foot of Mt. Fuji (Shizuoka Prefecture).
 - Chita Farm has 1,200 beef cattle (Chita beef) and 310 dairy cows (8 tons of raw milk / day).
 - They also operate a Chita beef specialty restaurant called "Black cow village" and work to establish the Chita beef brand.