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#### Lufthansa German Airlines launches Osaka-Munich route

- Lufthansa German Airlines launches the Osaka-Munich route with an Airbus A350-900
- The first flight from Munich Airport arrived at Kansai International Airport at 6:20am on 01 April and the first flight from Kansai International Airport to Munich Airport departed at 8:50am on the same day

Lufthansa launches the Osaka-Munich route on 01 April 2019. This new flight has been transformed from the original route between Osaka and Frankfurt. The additional connection increases the total number of flights between Japan and Munich to 14 per week, with a current daily flight between Haneda International Airport and Munich and the newly added seven flights between Kansai International Airport and Munich.

The new Osaka-Munich flight is operated with a new Airbus A350-900. This state of the art aircraft is the most modern and environmentally friendly long haul plane worldwide. It uses 25 percent less kerosene and produces 25 percent fewer emissions. Overall, the A350-900's noise "footprint" is up to 50 percent lower than that of comparable aircraft types.

With the launch of the Osaka-Munich flight, Donald Bunkenburg, Senior Director, Lufthansa Group Airlines Japan and Korea says: "We are very much excited to launch this new Osaka-Munich flight in the 50th anniversary year of deployment to Osaka. Munich is one of the largest cities with a long lasting history in Germany and attractively located to explore Bavaria. Furthermore, Munich Airport is the second hub of the Lufthansa Group and the only five-star airport in Europe with a lot of amenities and convenient to connect to Lufthansa destinations beyond. I hope our Japanese customer can enjoy this new route." He continuous: "Lufthansa German Airlines is celebrating its 50th year anniversary to Osaka in April 2019. We will continue focusing on offering safe and high quality services."

#### **About The Lufthansa Group**

The Lufthansa Group is the world's largest aviation group in terms of turnover as well as the market leader in Europe's airline sector. The Group strives to be the "First Choice in Aviation" for its customers, employees, shareholders and partners. Safety, quality, reliability and innovation are the prime credentials and priorities of all its business activities.

The Lufthansa Group is divided into the three strategic areas of Hub Airlines, Point-to-Point Business and Service Companies. The Group's network carriers, with their premium brands of Lufthansa, SWISS and Austrian Airlines, serve its home market from their Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich and Vienna hubs. With its Eurowings brand, the Group also offers short- and long-haul point-to-point services in the growing private travel market.



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Brussels Airline is also part of the point-to-point services. And with its service companies, which are all global market leaders in their individual industries, the Lufthansa Group has found success in further areas of the aviation business.

Lufthansa Group airlines serve 343 destinations in 103 countries, offering 13,267 weekly frequencies during summer 2019. The current fleet is comprised of 763 aircraft (as of February 2019) and the Group will continue to take delivery of new aircraft until 2025. In 2018, the Lufthansa Group employed around 135,000 personnel, welcomed 142 million passengers aboard its flights and generated sales of around EUR 35.8 billion.

The Lufthansa Group is headed by the six-member Executive Board. Carsten Spohr is Chairman & CEO; Thorsten Dirks is in charge of Eurowings and Aviation Services; Harry Hohmeister bears responsibility for the Commercial Management of the Group's Hub Airlines and Airports; Ulrik Svensson is the Head of Finance and IT; Dr. Bettina Volkens is in charge of HR and Legal Affairs; and Dr. Detlef Kayser is in charge of Airline Resources & Operations Standards.

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