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## **Denver International Airport Celebrates the Return of Flights to Tokyo**

*Service last operated on March 24, 2020*

**DENVER – March 6, 2023** – On Saturday, March 4, Denver International Airport (DEN) celebrated the resumption of nonstop flights by United Airlines to Tokyo’s Narita International Airport (NRT). Service was suspended for nearly three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Asia is the fastest growing economic region in the world, and Japan is our gateway to that economic opportunity for our residents and local businesses. The return of our nonstop flight connecting Denver to Tokyo is a milestone for our region’s economic recovery and growth, and we are proud to welcome this flight back to DEN’s growing international network,” Mayor Michael B. Hancock said. “I want to thank United Airlines for resuming this service, and for their continued investment in the Denver market over the past 86 years.”

Flights will operate three days per week through March 25. Beginning March 26, service will operate daily onboard a 257-seat Boeing 787-9 aircraft, representing a 17% increase in capacity as compared to the summer of 2019.

“The connection between Denver and Tokyo further strengthens our global air service network, one of the four pillars of DEN’s Vision 100 strategic plan,” said DEN CEO Phil Washington. “United’s service to Narita supports the return of all kinds of travel — business, leisure and visiting friends and relatives.”

2023 also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of United’s nonstop service to Tokyo/Narita. Since June 10, 2013, United Airlines has carried more than 900,000 passengers on over 4,800 flights between Denver and Tokyo/Narita. United is the only carrier to offer both transpacific and transatlantic flights from Denver. The carrier’s network at DEN has grown to include more than 170 nonstop destinations in the U.S., The Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, Japan, Germany, Mexico and the United Kingdom. United’s total international capacity scheduled at DEN in summer 2023 is 55% above summer 2019.

“Ten years ago, United became the first airline to connect Denver to Asia with a nonstop flight when we began service to the Tokyo-Narita International Airport,” said Matt Miller, United’s Vice President of Airport Operations in Denver. “We’re proud to resume this vital connection between our city and Japan, and we continue to be the only airline in Denver who offers a nonstop flight between Denver and Tokyo. United is ready to welcome Coloradans back to Japan.”

Japan ranked as Colorado’s seventh-largest export market in 2022, and Japanese investments in Colorado support more than 9,200 jobs in the state. Service into Narita provides convenient one-stop access to key Asian markets through United’s joint venture partner All Nippon Airways (ANA), also a member of the Star

Alliance. ANA operates a robust hub network at Narita which offers connections to dozens of cities in the broader Asia Pacific region.

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