



## **Expansion of Air Traffic Rights Including Regional Accesses between Korea and Uzbekistan**

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*Air talks held between Korea and Uzbekistan for two days from 26 September to establish new traffic rights of regional and capital airports between Korea and Uzbekistan*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo) announced that during the Korea-Uzbekistan air talks\* held in Seoul on 26 - 27 September, an agreement was reached to increase the current air traffic rights between the two countries from 10 weekly flights to 24 weekly flights, including 12 flights between the capitals and 12 additional flights on other routes.

\* Headed by chief representatives of Director of International Air Transportation SHIM Ji-young from the MOLIT and Deputy Head of Air Transport Department Jamoliddin Nazarov from the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan

Previously, Incheon-Tashkent route\* was the only direct route between Korea and Uzbekistan, which caused inconvenience for travelers from regional airports to access Uzbekistan. To resolve this issue, it was decided to establish new flight routes connecting regional airports in both countries to the capitals.

\* Currently, 4 flights by Asiana Airlines per week and 7 flights by Uzbekistan Airways per week between Incheon and Tashkent

With the new conditions in place, travelers will have the opportunity to fly from regional airports such as Busan and Daegu directly to Tashkent, enhancing regional airport utilization and passenger convenience.

This marks the first air talks resuming in six years since the previous discussions held in 2018, and the increase from 10 to 24 weekly flights will be facilitating transit traffic from Uzbekistan to Japan, China, and Southeast Asia via Korea.

Furthermore, this agreement supports the expansion of transportation cooperation in rail and road sectors established during a summit last June and contributes to enhanced human and material exchanges between the capitals of both countries.

[Summary of Korea-Uzbekistan Air Talks]

Until 26 Sep. 2024	After 27 September 2024
No. of weekly passenger flights between Korea and Uzbekistan	
○ 10 flights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12 flights between airports in both capitals</li> <li>○ 4 flights between regional airports in Korea and the Tashkent airport in Uzbekistan</li> <li>○ 4 flights between regional airports in Uzbekistan and the Incheon airport in Korea</li> <li>○ 4 flights between regional airports in both countries</li> </ul>

This expansion is expected to significantly improve air connectivity and travel convenience between Korea and Uzbekistan.