



## **Travelling to Bali, Jakarta, and Ulaanbaatar Departing at Korea's Provincial Airports**

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*Allocation of Traffic Rights determined on 24 May bringing the expansion of LCC routes to Central Asia, Southwest Asia, Australia, and the Philippines, etc.*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo) allocated Traffic Rights\* for 30 routes to 11 national airlines at the Air Transport Deliberation Committee held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

\* Traffic Rights secured through Air Talks such as Indonesia and Mongolia, and so forth, or withdrawn due to insufficient operation outcomes, etc.

The allocation of Traffic Rights this time is expected to expand the number of routes departing from various regions and increase the convenience of international flights for local residents.

There will be direct flights to Indonesia newly established between cities, including Busan – Bali/ Jakarta and Cheongju – Bali, etc.

\* Busan - Bali (4 times a week by Air Busan), Busan - Jakarta (4 times a week by Jin Air), Cheongju - Bali (3 times a week by T'way Air), etc.



Moreover, the frequency of flights from provincial airports such as Busan to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia will be increasing as well.

\* Busan - Ulaanbaatar (3 times a week by Jin Air, once a week by Jeju Air), Provincial airport - Ulaanbaatar (3 times a week by Aero K and T'way Air respectively), etc.

On the other hand, it is also expected for the LCCs to secure competitiveness through diversifying the international routes.

LCCs that have been mainly operating flights to Northeast and Southeast Asian regions will now be able to provide flights to Southwest Asia and Central Asia, including India, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, and so forth.

\* Incheon - Almaty (twice a week by Eastar Jet), Korea - Uzbekistan (three times a week by Jeju Air), Seoul - New Delhi / Mumbai (three times a week by T'way Air), etc.

In addition to existing carriers, various new operators, including LCCs, have been added to mid-to-long-haul routes such as Australia and Portugal, which is expected to stabilize fares through competition and strengthening consumer choice for international passengers.

\* Korea - Australia (1,241 seats per week by Air Premia, 300 seats per week by T'way Air), Korea - Portugal (3 times a week by Korean Air), etc.

“We have been securing Traffic Rights this year by continuously holding Air Talks with a focus on expanding the international network of international flights departing from provincial regions for countries with high passenger demand and strengthening economic cooperation.” stated the Director General for Aviation Policy KIM Young-guk at the MOLIT.



Adding, “We will be encouraging the early launch of the allocated air traffic so that the public can actually experience the widened air routes, and be continuing to strive to ensure that international flights are smoothly supplied in line with consumers’ demands”.