

Basic Agreement Signed on Next-Generation Robot Introduction

Japan Airport Terminal Co., Ltd. (JAT; headquarters: Ota-ku, Tokyo; President: Isao Takashiro) and CYBERDYNE Inc. (Cyberdyne; headquarters: Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki Prefecture; President & CEO: Yoshiyuki Sankai) are pleased to announce the signing of a basic agreement on introduction of next-generation robots in the Haneda Airport passenger terminals. Details of the agreement are as follows.

1. Background to the Agreement

While demand for airline services continues to grow especially in the greater Tokyo area, Japan is also faced with the issues of an aging society with a lower birthrate and declining labor population. JAT has responded by considering introduction of leading-edge technology in Haneda's passenger terminal buildings.

Cyberdyne, since the company's founding in 2004 as a spin-off venture of the University of Tsukuba, has focused on the development of Robot Suit HAL based on Cybernics technologies. In recent years it has created and marketed work assist robots and other products making use of these technologies.

The purposes of the basic agreement include demonstrating Japanese technology at Haneda Airport, the gateway to Japan; providing quality services to airport customers premised on safety, security, and convenience; and creating a healthy and comfortable working environment for airport employees.

Building on the basic agreement, the two companies will work hand-in-hand with related parties to make Haneda Airport a world pioneer in robot technology use in airports, creating a vision for the future, while helping to make the airport an even more compelling place for travelers.

2. Substance of the Agreement

(1) Robot introduction:

Several different robot products developed and manufactured by Cyberdyne will be introduced for use in the Haneda Airport terminal buildings, which JAT manages and operates. These include Robot Suit HAL for Labor Support (Lumbar Type), Cleaning Robots, and Transport Robots.

(2) Robot sales promotion and maintenance service:

JAT will provide sales promotion and maintenance services at the airport for the robot products developed by Cyberdyne, including the above Robot Suit HAL for Labor Support (Lumbar Type), Cleaning Robots, and Transport Robots.

(3) Creation of next-generation airport models employing robot technology:

Next-generation airport robots will be created combining the JAT knowledge and track record in the airport business with the Cybernics technologies of Cyberdyne.

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