

Japan Air-cargo Forwarders Association

# <u>Country Report</u>

<sup>50th</sup> FAPAA Executive Council Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## JAFA Profile

## 1. Office Name

Japan Aircargo Forwarders Association (JAFA)

## 2. Brief History

JAFA is a non-profit corporation that represents the interests of air freight forwarders in Japan. It was founded on 1st Apr 1991 through a merger of, there-tofore, three independent associations; namely, the International Air Freight Forwarders Association, the Domestic Air-cargo Consolidators Association and the International Air Express Association. On 1st June 1991, it was granted a license by Minister for Transport and Minister for Finance in accordance with relevant laws.

## 3. Membership and Number of Members

(1) Full membership:	Airfreight forwarders and IATA cargo sales agents	
	:130 members	
(2) Associated membership:	Those whose businesses are closely related to full	
membership	:24 members	
(3) Supporting membership:	Those who support JAFA activities	
	:16 members	

(as of 1<sup>st</sup> April.2024)

### 4. Objectives

JAFA seeks for the sound development of air freight forwarding business and air cargo sales agents by protecting their interests, conducting research and study as well as by providing consultation concerning their activities, so that shipper and consumers can enjoy the benefit of smooth provision of air transport services.



## 5. Main Activities

- (1) Research/study concerning sound development of air freight forwarding business
- (2) Implementation of security measures related to air freight forwarding activities
- (3) Training, education, seminars and conferences concerning air freight forwarding
- (4) Research and study concerning customs relating to air freight
- (5) Public relations activities concerning air freight forwarding business
- (6) Submission of requests, opinions, comments etc. to the relevant authorities

### 6. Secretariat

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## 7.JAFA Organization





Compliance Committee	Takes necessary measures including compliance seminars to keep strict compliance
General Affairs Division	Examines issues and takes necessary measures concerning key issues of the Association, public relations, security measures, airport matters, etc.
	1 Policy Committee
	② Public Relations Committee
	3 Security Committee
	(4) Airport Committee
	5 JAFA-BIAC Joint Committee
International Division	<ul> <li>Examines issues and takes necessary measures concerning international air cargo and courier, interchange with international organizations, relevant education and training, etc.</li> <li>① International Affairs Committee</li> <li>② International Exchange Committee</li> <li>③ International Air Express Affairs Committee</li> <li>④ International Training &amp; Education</li> </ul>
	Committee
Domestic Division	Examines issues and takes necessary measures concerning domestic air cargo, relevant education and training, etc.

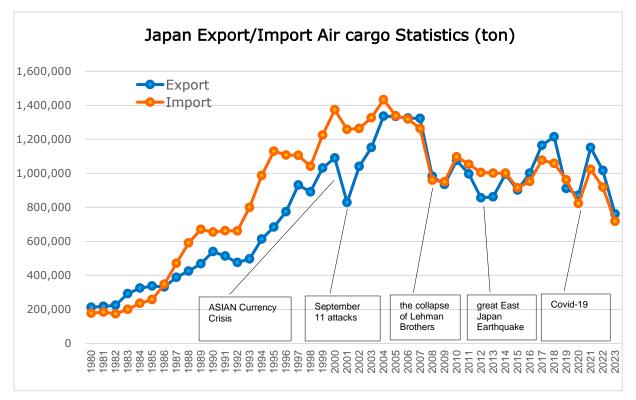
## 8. Activities of The Committees





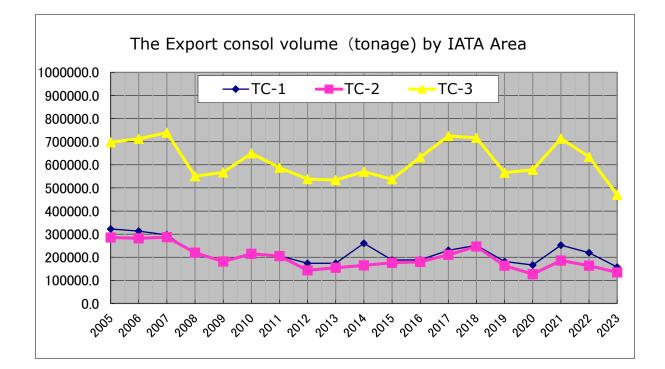
	①Domestic Affairs / Training & Education Committee
Customs Clearance Division	Examines issues and takes necessary measures concerning customs clearance, NACCS, etc.
	① Customs Affairs Committee
	② IT Affairs Committee

## 2023 Cargo Trend in Japan















## ■ The three pillars of our activitis

- 1. The first point is safety, and recently, the national government has been tasked with preventing illegal activities such as terrorism in the event of a national ceremony.
- 2. The second point is the further enhancement of the education and training business.
- 3. The third point is the promotion of efficient logistics that maximizes speed and high transportation quality.



- Topics (Our activities from 2023 to 2024)
- 1 In 2023, air export volumes decreased by 25% compared to 2022 due to a decline in demand for air cargo.
- 2 Air imports decreased by 22% by weight and the number of import declarations decreased by 13%
- 3 Research on the digitalization of the air cargo industry.
  - Paperless and digitization of aviation security forms and dangerous goods declarations.
  - Briefing session on One Record.
  - Digitization of documents related to Japan import cargo.
- 4 Response to the SDGs
  - Participation in the SAF Utilization Promotion Demonstration Project Task Group.
  - · Consideration of packaging material recycling
- 5 Many seminar, workshop and training, we were moving to off-site and on-site as much as possible.
- 6 from March 2023, JAFA has started offering the Dangerous Goods CBTA 7.1~7.3 courses as a CBTA Provider to shippers, shipper agents, and air cargo employees.

#### 1. Implementation of various campaigns

- 1.1. We tied up with Japanese Customs and conducted a campaign to prevent the smuggling and import of social bad goods in October 2023.
- 1.2. Prevention of smuggling of socially evil goods, etc. based on the Memorandum on The Prevention of Smuggling (MOU)
- 1.3. Prevention of loading dangerous goods without declaration of domestic air cargo. Raising awareness of shippers by displaying posters and distributing flyers at the cargo reception desk.
- 1.4. Enhanced Packaging for International small packages and educational activities were conducted for shippers on how to prepare the correct declaration office and the correct declaration to customs.



#### 2. Holding seminars

- 2.1. On Feb 2023, Airlines and the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism were invited as lecturers to hold a seminar on "domestic aircargo dangerous goods", which was attended by 330 peoples.
- 2.2. A seminar was held inviting the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to discuss "the 2024 issue of logistics", and 183 peoples attended.
- 2.3. A seminar was held to promote the use of Kitakyushu Airport, which was attended by 100 people on Aug 2023.
- 2.4. A seminar was held on "the new Narita Airport concept" by inviting the Narita Airport Company as a lecturer, and 165 people participated.
- 2.5. On Oct 2023, we conducted a campaign to prevent the smuggling of socially harmful goods, and held a demonstration of narcotics detection dogs by Tokyo Customs and a seminar on the theme of "Customs' Response to Ensuring Economic Security," which was attended by 50 people.
- 2.6. A seminar was held on "the 2024 issue of logistics and the challenges for sustainable logistics", and 137 people participated.
- 2.7. As an IATA seminar, a seminar on the overview of "One record and the handling of lithium batteries" was held, and 230 people participated. In addition, a briefing session was held on how to respond to new invoice system for airfare settlement in Japan, which was attended by 220 people.

#### 3. JAFA's Other initiatives

- 3.1. In Feb 2023, JAFA participated in a logistics industry research seminar to help secure human resources, and worked to convey the appeal of the aircargo industry.
- 3.2. As a member of FIATA, we participated in the FIATA HQ Meeting in Switzerland and World Congress in Belgium in Oct 2023. We also participated in the IATA WCS held in Apr 2023, also FAPAA ECM/AGM in Jun 2023 and



provided information to members.

- 3.3. We provided information to members on the latest trends in aircargo transportation at major airports in Japan.
- 3.4. "JAFA News" is published four times a year to report on our activities.



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# **Education Report**

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## 1. We have put effort into further enhancing the education and training program, which is one of the three pillars of our activities.

- 1. JAFA will strive to further upgrade its education and training programs.
- 2. We are a 2023 Premier Circle member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), a status bestowed upon winners from the association's prestigious training partner's recognition program.
- 3. Satisfying various needs for e-learning, web lectures and so on, we made efforts to enhance our programs so that participants can fully benefit from them.
- 2. The results of education and training from 2023 to 2024 are as follows.
- Education and training for our members and industry
- Domestic Air cargo business basic training course for new employees was held in Jun 2023, with 121 peoples.
- Training of domestic air cargo dangerous goods handling course was held in and in Feb 2023, with 237 peoples.and Sep 2023~Mar 2024, with 406 peoples
- 3. International Air cargo business basic training course for new employees was held in May 2023, with 380 peoples and in Oct 2023, with 395 peoples.
- 4. As an aviation security education and training support organization certified by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, in 2023, we held seminars in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, and Fukuoka, with 105 peoples.
- We also provide education for shippers.
- In Jan 2023, a briefing session on the revision of the Dangerous Goods Regulations was held for shippers, our members and airlines in Japan, with 428 peoples.
- 2. In Jun 2023, we held the basic aircargo dangerous goods seminar for shippers and their agents which was attended by 114 people.
- 3. A tour of Narita Airport, their warehouse and forwarder's warehouse for shippers was held in Oct 2023 and 27 people participated.



## 3. IATA Diploma – Training and Education

- 1. JAFA manages and supervises IATA Diploma Exams in Japan. JAFA is also an official IATA training center -ATC for IATA training.
  - JAFA was elected and recognized of top performing partners Premier Circle, Regional Top Performing ATC in 2023 for the second year in 2022.
    - In 2023, ATC Premier Authorized institutes –We have achieved ATC Premier level by achieving excellet results in training a large number of students, demonstrated loyalty to IATA training programs and commitment to student success reflected by high student examination passing rates.
- 2. In 2023, The following number of students have obtained qualifications:
  - Cargo Introductory Courses: 557 peoples.
- 3. On September 30, 2022, We are JAFA, gain IATA CBTA Provider certification of  $7.1 \sim 7.3$  courses as IATA CBTA center.
  - In March 2023, we started education and training on air cargo dangerous goods as a CBTA provider for shippers and members.
    - The certificates issued to successful applicants in Apr.~Mar 2024 CBTA's workshop are as follows.
      - 7.1 Course: 67 peoples

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- 7.2 Course: 43 peoples
- 7.3 Course Initial and Recurrent: 287 peoples.