



THE COMMONS PROJECT FOUNDATION AND JAPANESE CARRIERS TRIAL COMMONPASS DIGITAL HEALTH PASS TO REOPEN JAPAN TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

New Trials with JAL Follow Successful Test of CommonPass on ANA Flight from Tokyo to New York

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The Commons Project Foundation and Japan Airlines (JAL) today announced upcoming trials of the CommonPass digital health app on several international flights, including flights from Tokyo to Hawaii (HNL) on April 2, and from Tokyo to Singapore on April 5.

The next round of trials follow the successful completion of an All Nippon Airlines (ANA) flight with volunteers using CommonPass that landed Monday (3/29) in New York and will complete its return flight from New York to Tokyo on April 3. The trials are important milestones as carriers prepare to safely support passengers to resume international travel. The trials using CommonPass come as Japan is set to see an influx of athletes arriving later this year ahead of the Summer Olympics in Tokyo. With CommonPass, airline passengers who have tested negative for COVID-19 can digitally verify their health status to confirm they meet the requirements at their destination country.

“CommonPass is pleased to work closely with JAL and ANA in the shared goal of providing their customers with a trusted way to digitally verify their health status for international travel,” said Paul Meyer, CEO, The Commons Project Foundation. “These trials demonstrate the capabilities of the CommonTrust Network and are an important step forward as we work to safely reopen the world for personal and business travel.”

“The CommonPass platform aims to realize a standardized app enabling individuals to digitally document their COVID-19 status, while protecting an individual’s health data privacy,” Yuji Akasaka, President of Japan Airlines Co. “Japan Airlines will actively participate in the trial of the CommonPass app, which we believe will not only help prevent the further spread of COVID-19, but also promote international travel in a safe and secure environment.”

“At ANA, we are constantly looking for ways to make the travel experience safer and more convenient,” said Juichi Hirasawa, Senior Vice President of ANA Corporate Planning. “Our trials of the CommonPass Health application will help us to ensure that these procedures will enable us to simplify international travel while also protecting passenger privacy.”

"The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) believes that establishing a trusted standard in international travel, such as CommonPass, is a key to restoring confidence in air travel among the flying public and to start reopening borders in a safe manner. We support the work of The Commons Project, including CommonPass trials with airlines and regulatory authorities," said Tad Johnson, ACCJ Governor and Vice Chair of the ACCJ Transportation & Logistics Committee.

“In order to revitalize the world economy through trade & investment, it is an urgent task to ensure safe border traffic, and this is a common desire of the world's business community. As a promoter of free trade, Japan's leadership in reopening safe and secure borders is symbolically and practically significant,” said Teruko Wada, Director, International Affairs Bureau, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation). “Currently, entry requirements and procedures differ from country to country, but it is important to develop an online platform that can be used globally as soon as possible, to achieve a smooth movement of people while preventing the spread of the virus. I hope that the use of the CommonPass will help reactivate cross-border movement, leading to the expansion of free and open trade & investment, and ultimately bringing the global economy back to a growth path.”

“In the COVID-19 era, it is important to avoid the spread of infection and to accept travelers safely. CommonPass is a universal digital certificate that can flexibly respond to ever-changing infection control measures, such as testing and vaccination, as well as to the immigration standards of each country,” said Kazuo Nishitan, Executive Director and General Manager, International Division, The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. “It also incorporates effective features that avoid confusion in border measures and protect privacy. I hope that CommonPass can enable safe, secure travel between countries as soon as possible.”

“I hope that the introduction of the CommonPass will contribute to the spread and development of PHR (Personal Health Records),” said Naoki Nakashima, president of the Japan Association of Medical Informatics. “In Japan, there is a delay in the standardization of medical information, and it is feared that this delay will hinder the introduction of "patient-centered medical care." With the introduction of standardized

apps meeting great social needs, such as the CommonPass, I strongly hope that PHR would advance and help solve various problems around wellness and disaster medicine, caused by the rapid increase of lifestyle-related diseases and the COVID-19 pandemic.”



About The Commons Project Foundation

A non-profit public trust established with support from the Rockefeller Foundation, The Commons Project Foundation builds and operates digital platforms and services for the common good. Our mission-driven structure is designed to attract world-class talent to build and sustain digital public services in a way that serves people's interests above all. Beginning with health information, we are focused on empowering people to access and control their personal data and put it to use for their own benefit.

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