

# Asian Breeze (14)

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Happy New Year to you all!

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You may feel it is a bit late to say a Happy New Year, but 3 February was a New Year (正月) or a spring festival (春節) in 2011 according to the Chinese calendar. Each year is symbolized with animals in Chinese calendar. This year is the Rabbit (兔) or (卯) which is the fourth animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac. The rabbit is one of the most delicate animals among all 12 animals.

It is believed that people born under Rabbit zodiac (in 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939) are usually kind and sweet and of course, popular people. Nobody ignores them, for they are good company and know how to make the best of themselves. A rabbit's home is always a beautiful one because Rabbit people are famous for their artistic sense and good taste. They are also usually well-dressed.

But even though they are popular and loved by their friends and family, rabbit people are also pessimistic. They are conservative and insecure, and that explains why most of them don't like changes. Calm as they are, it is not easy to provoke Rabbit people. They don't like to argue and enjoy quiet, peaceful lives. They are also sentimental and compassionate. Are you born under Rabbit zodiac? If so, is your character expressed correctly with the above statement?



In this issue, we have received a wonderful article from New Zealand. The hottest news is covered since they are in the middle of summer. In addition, the reminder of WWACG web update is featured.

## Country of New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country in the south-western Pacific Ocean comprising two main landmasses (the North Island and the South Island), and numerous smaller islands, most notably Stewart Island/Rakiura and the Chatham Islands. The indigenous Māori language name for New Zealand is Aotearoa, commonly translated as land of the long white cloud. The Realm of New Zealand also includes



the Cook Islands and Niue (self-governing but in free association); Tokelau; and the Ross Dependency (New Zealand's territorial claim in Antarctica).

New Zealand is notable for its geographic isolation; it is situated about 2,000 kilometers (1,200 mi) southeast of Australia across the Tasman Sea, and its closest neighbors to the north are New Caledonia, Fiji and Tonga. During its long isolation New Zealand developed a distinctive fauna dominated by birds, a number of which became extinct after the arrival of humans and the mammals they introduced.



The majority of New Zealand's population is of European descent; the indigenous Māori are the largest minority. Asians and non-Māori Polynesians are also significant minority groups, especially in urban areas. The most commonly spoken language is English. New Zealand is a developed country that ranks highly in international comparisons on many topics, including lack of corruption, high educational attainment and economic freedom. Its cities also consistently rank among the world's most livable. Elizabeth II, as the Queen of New Zealand, is the country's head of state and is represented by a Governor-General, and executive political power is exercised by the Cabinet of New Zealand.

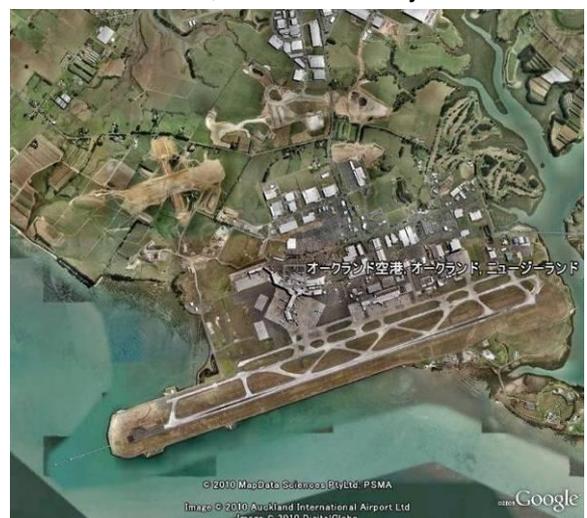
## Airports in New Zealand

### Auckland International Airport

Auckland International Airport (also known locally as Mangere Airport) (IATA: AKL, ICAO: NZAA) is the largest and busiest airport in New Zealand with over 13 million (7 million international and 6 million domestic) passengers a year, these numbers are expected to more than double by 2025. The airport is in Mangere, a suburb of Auckland 21 km south of the city centre. It is the central hub for Air New Zealand, and a secondary hub for Pacific Blue, the New Zealand subsidiary of parent Virgin Blue.

Auckland Airport is one of New Zealand's most important infrastructure assets, providing thousands of jobs for the region, and is the country's second largest cargo 'port' by value, contributing around \$14 billion to the economy.

Auckland Airport is served by twenty-one international carriers excluding Air New Zealand. These range from Tasman carriers like Qantas, Jetstar and Pacific Blue, to Pacific Island carriers like Air Pacific, Air Vanuatu and Air Tahiti Nui, a large number of Asian carriers such as Cathay Pacific, Korean, Malaysian, Singapore and Thailand



and Emirates to the Middle East. The newest carriers are China Airlines with services through Brisbane to Taipei that started in January 2011 and China Southern Airlines with direct services to Guanzhou commencing in April 2011. Jetstar will also commence nonstop services to Singapore in April. Auckland Airport has a 70% share of New Zealand's international travelers.

Auckland has a single main runway of 3,800 meters and operates around the clock. The domestic terminals for Air New Zealand and Jetstar are a short walk away from the International terminal. There has been an airport on the site since the 1930's.

### Christchurch International Airport

As the gateway for Christchurch and the South Island, Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL) is a major hub and the South Island's busiest and most strategic air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets. The airport is New Zealand's second largest with six million passengers per year domestic and international. The airport employs around 5,000 people and contributes about \$1.5 billion to Canterbury region GDP.

The airport is the departure point for United States Antarctic operations with the ice runway at McMurdo Sound being some 5 hours jet flying time from Christchurch. There is a main runway of 3,500 meters and a cross runway of 1,800 meters. An airport has existed on the site since the 1920's.



Christchurch is served by Air New Zealand, Emirates, Jetstar, Qantas, Pacific Blue and Singapore Airlines.

### Wellington Municipal Airport

Wellington Airport is the international gateway to the Capital and the surrounding region and the hub of New Zealand's domestic aviation network with about 5 million passengers a year, with about 4.4 million domestic passengers 0.6 million international. Wellington Airport was opened in 1959 and is just 8km from the city centre. It has a single runway of 1,900 meters.



Air New Zealand and Jetstar operate domestic services out of Wellington and Air New Zealand, Qantas and Pacific Blue operate international services across the Tasman Sea to Australia. Around 1,500 people are employed on the Airport.

## Queenstown International Airport

Queenstown Airport is located in New Zealand's scenic Southern Lakes district. The airport is experiencing rapid growth in tourists to this region, both domestic and international. The winter ski season is particularly busy.

Queenstown Airport is 25% owned by Auckland Airport. Domestic services are operated by Air New Zealand and Jetstar and international services across the Tasman Sea to Australia are operated by Air New Zealand, Jetstar, Pacific Blue and Qantas.

Queenstown airport has a single runway of 1,900 meters with challenging approaches as it is located in mountainous terrain. The airport only operates in daylight hours but there are plans underway to install full night lighting.

Queenstown Airport will become a Level 2 Facilitated airport from the Summer 11 season. It will be the first airport in New Zealand to be facilitated for both domestic and international movements.

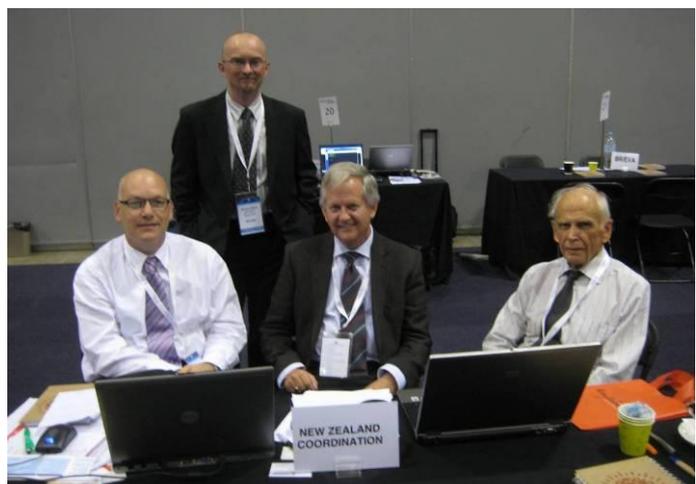


## Self Introduction of our staff members

Air New Zealand was appointed by the New Zealand Government in the early 1980's to act on behalf of the NZ Ministry of Transport as IATA coordinator for international movements at Auckland Airport. At this time both Air NZ and AKL airport were government owned. An official Scheduling Committee was set up for Auckland Airport, chaired by the New Zealand Ministry of Transport. Auckland is the primary international airport for New Zealand with the majority of foreign airline arrivals occurring at Auckland.

Coordination was extended shortly after to Christchurch and Wellington Airports where international movements are largely across the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australia. Air New Zealand's role as IATA Coordinator continued even after Air New Zealand and the various airports were privatized. Currently Air New Zealand is owned about 75% by the New Zealand government.

Facilitation of Queenstown Airport has commenced with effect from the Summer 11 season and, for the first time in New Zealand, this will include



From Left to right: Bruce Cargill, Simon Blick, Paul Murray (Manager), Ian Finn

facilitation of domestic movements at this airport (AKL, CHC and WLG airports are coordinated for international movements only).

### Introduction of our computer system

At the moment we are using Sabre PCAF computer system to coordinate all slots.

### Location Map of our office

The Air New Zealand head office is located downtown Auckland city. Office is called "The Hub," a 15,600 square meters (168,000 sq ft) office park located at the corner of Beaumont and Fanshawe Streets in Western Reclamation Precinct 2, Auckland City. The location map is shown right.



## Reminder of WWACG web update

### **1. Introduction**

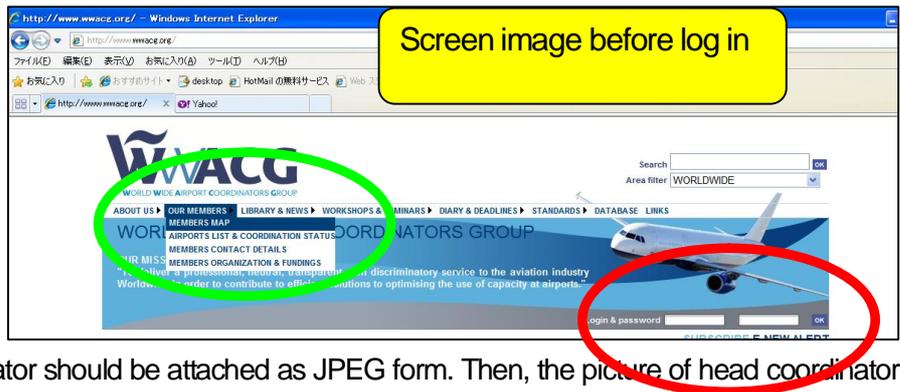
The WWACG web site was very nicely introduced and demonstrated by Mr. Eric Herbane (COHOR, France) at the last conference in November 2010. However, there seem many organizations in Asia/Pacific regions that have not registered Identification (ID) and Pass Word (PW) and have not updated their own contact details or organization & funding arrangement. It is highly recommended to take immediate actions as explained in the following page for those who have not updated it.

### **2. Specific Instructions**

Specific instructions for WWACG web site should be given again for those who have not updated their information yet. Please type in the address of WWACG "[http:// www.wwacg.org](http://www.wwacg.org)", then you will find the screen image shown below. Click the "our members" in the top menu of the site, then you will find the "members map". Click the "members map", you will find the world map and zoom in Asia/Pacific regions. Then you will find each economy containing such information as the picture of head coordinator, web site, SITA, contact e-mail and the number of airports concerned.

### 3. ID & PW Registration

In order to upload your own information, you need to register ID and PW to WWACG web master. Please send your ID and PW to Mr. Eric Herbane whose address is [e.herbane@cohor.org](mailto:e.herbane@cohor.org). In sending e-mail to him, the picture of head coordinator or facilitator should be attached as JPEG form. Then, the picture of head coordinator or facilitator will appear in WWACG web site.



### 4. Update your own information after registration

Once your ID and PW are registered, you can login the site to access further to your own data. The new menu of "members area" will appear in front of "about us". Now, you can upload your information by clicking "manage your own data", "manage your own events" and "slot monitoring events". It is your responsibility to keep them up to date all the time so that airlines can access to the correct information.

### From Chief Editor

I really appreciate the contribution from New Zealand where it is still in the summer vacation seasons. The article was very interesting and informative. I did not know that Queenstown Airport will become a Level 2 Facilitated airport from the S 11 season. You will have more workload from S11 then!

Tokyo is still very cold. Last week it snowed a bit in Tokyo and the snow accumulated about 5 cm. This year it snows a lot in northern part of Japan and especially all the areas facing Japan seas. Speaking of snow, Sapporo City in Hokkaido is famous for holding a snow festival in every February. It was held from February 7 to 13 this year. Central Street of Sapporo was decorated with sculptures made with snow shown below. Isn't that fantastic when illuminated at night?

