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Japan Airport Terminal Co., Ltd.

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## **A First for Airports in Japan!**

### **Changing Over to the Innovative Bio LIMEX Bag**

### **for Our Shopping Bags!**

- New Limestone and Plant-derived Resin Material Dramatically Cuts Use of Petroleum

Derived Plastics -



Commencing on March 29, Japan Airport Terminal Co., Ltd. and Tokyo International Air Terminal Corporation will begin switching shopping bags at their Haneda Airport stores over to the Bio LIMEX Bag <sup>Note 1</sup> which is made from limestone and a plant-derived resin, as part of its environmental conservation drive.

This is the first time that the Bio LIMEX Bag has been used at an airport in Japan and is expected to produce a reduction of approximately 462 tonnes in the petroleum-based plastics used at Haneda Airport and to also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions <sup>Note 2</sup> by approximately 1,114 tonnes (equivalent to the absorption of 126,568 cypress trees per year <sup>Note 3</sup>). Haneda Airport continues its commitment to environmental solutions.

▶Introduction date: 29 March 2020

▶Locations: To be phased in at the directly operated shops at Haneda and Narita airports

\* Expected to be introduced at all directly operated shops by the end of June 2020.

<sup>Note 1</sup>) The Bio LIMEX Bag is developed and manufactured by TBM Co., Ltd. and uses limestone and a plant-derived resin in its raw materials. Compared to conventional plastic bags, it reduces the use of petroleum-derived plastics and cuts CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The use of limestone also offers a greater contribution to the conservation of water, forests and other resources than ordinary paper bags.

Note 2) LCA (life cycle assessment) used to calculate the impact on climate change (CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions) and the contribution to reductions in resource consumption in the process from procurement of raw materials to manufacture, distribution and disposal (incineration).

Note 3) Conversions based on "Preventing Global Warming" in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries website.

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