

JAL Chairman Shinmachi to Retire

Tokyo February 8, 2008: The chairman of Japan Airlines Corporation and Japan Airlines International, Toshiyuki Shinmachi, will retire from the board on March 31, 2008.

Toshiyuki Shinmachi (65) was elected president of JAL, Asia and Japan's largest airline group, in June 2004 after an airline career focused primarily on the cargo transportation business. On April 1, 2005 he assumed the position of JAL Group CEO. On June 2006, he took up his current position as JAL Group chairman.



Born on January 20, 1943, Mr. Shinmachi joined JAL in April 1965 after graduating from Gakushuin University where he studied politics and economics. He spent nearly his entire career in JAL's cargo department which included three overseas assignments in Frankfurt, Hong Kong and New York.

As C.E.O and Chairman Toshiyuki Shinmachi has played a key role in JAL Group's business revival which is progressing well, as indicated by the JAL Group's FY2007 third quarter results announced today. His significant contribution to the strengthening of safety at the JAL has ensured that safety has been re-established as the airline group's No.1 priority.

No successor has been appointed to the position of chairman. The position will remain vacant after Mr. Shinmachi retires.

JAL Career Highlights	
1965 March	Graduated from Gakushuin University, Tokyo in politics and economics
1965 April	Joined Japan Airlines
1987 December	Deputy Director, Cargo Export Tokyo Regional Cargo sales office
1988 July	Director, Cargo Export Tokyo Regional Cargo sales office
1989 December	Regional Manager, Cargo Sales, New York Regional Cargo Sales office
1991 June	General Manager, Administration, JAL Cargo
1993 June	Vice President, JAL Cargo, Tokyo Regional Cargo Sales office
1995: July	Vice President, JAL Cargo Sales, Japan Region
1997 June	Elected to the board of director of Japan Airlines, Senior Vice President
2000 April	Managing Director, Japan Airlines
2001 October	Senior Managing Director, Japan Airlines
2002 October	Senior Managing Director, Japan Airlines System Corporation and concurrently, Senior Managing Director, Japan Airlines
2003 June	Executive Vice President, Japan Airlines System Corporation and concurrently, EVP Japan Airlines
2004 June	President, Japan Airlines Corporation and concurrently, President, Japan Airlines
2005 March	Named group C.E.O. Designate of Japan Airlines Corporation
2005 April 1	Assumed position of JAL Group CEO
2006 June	Assumed position of JAL Group Chairman

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