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[4th Report] The MOLIT Keeps on Coping with the Korean Air's Overruns on the Runway of the Cebu International Airport

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- The Accident Management Headquarter of the MOLIT (The Head, Ha Dong-soo, Assistant Minister of the Civil Aviation Office) explained the following additional issues regarding the incident of the Korean Air's runaway overrunning at the Cebu International Airport in the Philippines.

[Overview of the Accident]

Around 00:07 a.m. on October 24 (KST, the same time zone is applied from hereinafter) the Korean Air flight (KAL Flight 631, departing from Incheon to Cebu around 18:35 with 11 crew members and 162 passengers) overran the runway while landing at the Cebu Airport, Philippines.

- Yesterday, Korean Air sent out (departed from Incheon at 17:19) the first exceptional flight with 5 persons from the MOLIT (3 investigators, 2 supervisors) along with 37 officers from Korean Air on board to Panglao Airport located in Bohol Island, Philippines (arrived at 21:56) and then the officers in charge arrived in Cebu Island by ship at 02:10 this morning (KST).

Accordingly, they will be starting discussions with the Philippines authorities to commence the site management and accident investigation.

- In addition, as partial takeoff and landing at Cebu Airport are allowed being apart from the 1st exceptional flight yesterday, Korean Air is planning to send the 2nd exceptional flight today for transferring the rest of the passengers from the flight involved in the accident back to home country.

* Condition for takeoff and landing at Cebu Airport imposed by Philippines Authority: In the weather condition of daytime visual flight, takeoff and landing at direction of runway No. 22 are allowed and for the direction of 04, only takeoff is allowed (landing is not allowed)

- Since a crane which is large enough to move the accident aircraft is not available, it has been yet stalled at the 250m point away from the end of the runway.
 - In this regard, the Philippines Authority finished taking out the remaining fuel in the airplane by 17:00 yesterday in consideration of the safety first and to reduce the weight of the aircraft while attempting to remove about the 8 tons of passengers' luggage from the aircraft. However, the attempt couldn't be carried out due to the position of the airplane and the geographical features, so it is going to be tried again today.
 - Moreover, the airlines are reviewing the operation of a special flight to transport 260 passengers for Jin Air and Air Busan that were cancelled or delayed because of the accident yesterday.

Nevertheless, a sudden shower together with thunder and lightning is forecasted in Cebu International Airport (09:00 ~ 21:00), so the operating decision will be ultimately determined by considering the flight safety and airport condition to use.

- With this issue, the relevant airlines will keep on notifying and informing their flight operation plans to the passengers.