



## Now to Kazakhstan in Central Asia

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*Aviation talks between Korea and Kazakhstan from March 20th to increase the right to operate flights (air traffic rights)*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo) agreed to increase the number of air traffic rights between Korea and Kazakhstan at the bilateral aviation talks\* held in Almaty from March 20th.

\* <Chief Delegates> Director General for Aviation Policy KIM Young-guk of the MOLIT, Chairperson of the Civil Aviation Committee Saltanat Tompiyeva from Kazakhstan

The traffic rights for air transport, which have been limited to 1,450 seats per week (currently 5 flights per week based on the number of seats operated by Asiana Airlines), were changed to a frequency system and increased to 7 flights per week on the Incheon-Almaty route and 14 flights per week on all routes except the Incheon-Almaty route (21 flights per week in total).

The number of traffic rights for airfreight between the two countries has been increased to 20 flights a week.



In line with the increased air traffic rights, the setting format of traffic rights was changed from the '# of seats based\* system' to the '# of flights\*\* system' at the same time. This is expected to enable airlines to operate their aircrafts more efficiently.

\* Method of setting the total weekly number of seats that can be supplied by designated airlines of both countries

\*\* Method of setting the total number of weekly flights that designated airlines of both countries can operate regardless of aircrafts' types

Furthermore, the restrictions on the number of destinations in each other's countries and the number of airlines that can operate have also been abolished, allowing airlines to operate more freely to meet demand.

<Status of Increased Air Traffic Rights between Korea and Kazakhstan>

Incheon, 1 other location	○ 7 flights a week on Incheon-Almaty route (No seat limit)
Almaty and Astana 1,450 seats per week	○ 20 flights a week on other routes being apart from the Incheon-Almaty route e.g.) Incheon-Astana and Busan-Almaty

Director General for Aviation Policy KIM Young-guk of MOLIT expressed, "Through this aviation talks, airlines of various nationalities could have the opportunity to operate on the back of the significant increase in passengers and cargo traffic rights, and there are expectations to further enhance convenience for air traffic users such as businessmen and travelers while encouraging more vibrant economic cooperation".