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MOLIT, Coping with the Korean Air's Runway Overrunning at the Cebu International Airport

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Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MOLIT) establishes and operates Emergency Management Headquarter in response to the Korean Air's runway overrunning at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport in the Philippines

The Emergency Management Headquarter of the MOLIT (The Head, Ha Dong-soo, Assistant Minister of the Civil Aviation Office) explained how the incident has been managed so far as follows.

[Incident Overview] Around 00:07 a.m. on October 24 (KST, the same time zone is applied from hereinafter) a 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 Cebu Airport in the Philippines.

There were 162 passengers (173 including crew members) on board. By nationality, the total passenger were acknowledged as 64 from the United States, 47 from South Korea, 30 from the Philippines, 5 from Canada, 4 from Russia, 3 from the United Kingdom, 2 from Japan and Mongolia respectively, as well as 1 each from Brazil, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, and India.

All passengers are staying at a nearby hotel or accommodations* (17 were taken to the accommodation after getting medical checkup at the airport clinic). In cooperation with the Consulate of the Rep. of Korea in Cebu, additional passengers were asked to contact the Emergency Management Headquarter if they need to visit hospitals.

* Out of the 162 passengers, 49 were transferred to the hotel provided by the Airline, whereas the 113 remaining passengers went home or to the hotel booked by individually.

The three incident investigators from the Aviation and Railway Accident Investigation Board along with the two aviation safety supervisors from the MOLIT are preparing with consultation for flights* to the onsite dispatch.

* At the moment, the runway has been closed due to the aircraft that was stalled at the outside of the end of the runway 22 in the Cebu Airport while the MOLIT has been discussing on measures such as towing the aircraft with Cebu Airport. (Alternative flights are expected to be operated in time for the resumption of regular runway operations)

Followed by the incident, the Flight 025 of Jin Air (departing from Incheon to Cebu around 20:29 on 23 October with 93 passengers) was diverted to nearby Clark Airport. Then, it was refueled and returned to Incheon Airport (arrived at Incheon Airport around 07:16). Moreover, the Flight 2406 of Jeju Air (scheduled to depart from Cebu to Incheon around 00:00 on 24 October with 177 passengers) had been being delayed*.

* All the 177 passengers were waiting at the hotel provided by the Airline.

In addition, the Flight 771 by Air Busan (scheduled to depart from Busan to Cebu at 08:00) has also been cancelled, and the determination on the Flight 025 by Jin Air (scheduled to depart Incheon to Cebu at 19:50) is going to be decided after checking the Airport's conditions. The Airline is keeping on informing passengers about the flight information.