

## Promotion of Aviation Policies

It would be essential to bolster the airport functions of the National Capital Region for Tokyo to develop as a global city. The TMG is taking many initiatives to address this challenge. These include efforts to further strengthen functionality at Haneda Airport and increase its international flights, and to promote the acceptance of business jets into the region. The TMG is also working to realize civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base, and to have Yokota airspace returned to Japan.

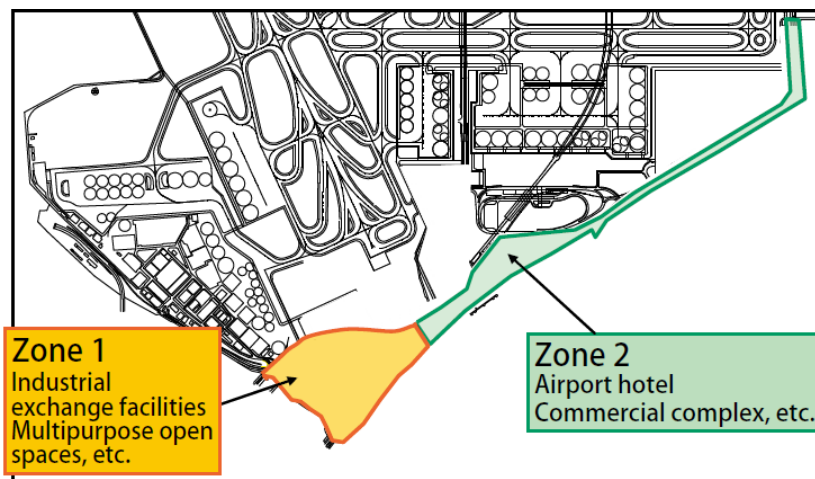
### Enhancing Functionality of Haneda Airport and Increasing International Flight Services

The TMG had been lobbying the central government to re-expand and introduce regular international flights to Haneda Airport, and had also cooperated in a variety of ways including providing the central government with interest-free loans for construction of a new runway. As a result, Runway D opened for service in October 2010, and regularly scheduled international service commenced. By the end of FY2013, the number of arrival and departure slots at Haneda was increased from 303,000 to 447,000 annually.

However, it is predicted that capacity at airports in the National Capital Region will again be inadequate in the near future. The TMG will continue to lobby the central government to expand airport capacity and the number of slots for international flights.

In October 2010, a plan was compiled for developing the land left vacant after completion of the Haneda Airport offshore development project and the re-expansion project. In December 2011, the Zone 1 of the site was designated by the central government as one of areas of the Comprehensive Special Zone for International Competitiveness Development (Special Zone for Asian Headquarters).

While coordinating with the relevant parties, the TMG will continue to work to realize use of the vacant land.



Development of vacant land at Haneda Airport

### **Promoting Business Jet Flights into the National Capital Region**

As a tool indispensable for international business, the use of business jets is rapidly increasing in the countries of the West and even in the Middle East and Asia.

In light of such circumstances, the TMG is taking actions to make it possible to accommodate more business aviation. In November 2010 the policy for measures to improve the system for accommodating business aviation in the National Capital Region, which includes the development of exclusive facilities at Haneda Airport and the use of Yokota Air Base, was formulated and presented as a proposal to the central government.

### **Reversion of Yokota Airspace**

Yokota airspace, currently controlled by the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan, is a vast space that extends over Tokyo and nine other prefectures. In September 2008, part of the airspace was returned to Japan. Still, in order to ensure air traffic that is safer and more efficient, and has less adverse noise impact, full reversion of Yokota airspace, realignment of airspace in the National Capital Region, and unified air traffic control by Japan is indispensable. To this end, the TMG will continue urging the national government to negotiate with the U.S. government for total reversion of the airspace.