

## About “Designated Domestic Air Carrier” designation

**~We are now able to conduct periodic evaluation of pilots for the first time as a low-cost carrier~**

Osaka, April 22, 2019 - Peach Aviation Limited (“Peach”, Representative Director and CEO: Shinichi Inoue) has announced that it has been designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) as a “Designated Domestic Air Carrier<sup>\*1</sup>” on April 17, 2019. Peach is the first low-cost carrier in Japan’s history to receive designation from this system.



Until now, periodic evaluations of pilots were conducted by an operations inspector from the Civil Aviation Bureau, however; because Peach has received this designation, our own “inspection pilots” designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) will be able to conduct these periodic evaluations of pilots going forward. We will be able to facilitate operations further as a result.

In addition, four of our pilots at Peach have been designated as inspection pilots by the MLIT as of April 18.

Beginning in spring of 2018 we created a project team mostly comprised of members from the Flight Operation Department Crew Training and Standards Division that strengthened our training evaluation system, quality managed daily operations, revised the manual for standardizing training, thoroughly fortified our safety management system, and worked towards improving maintaining safe operations and strove for continuous improvement of our safety management system, in order for Peach to receive this designation.

Vice Chairman and Chief Safety Officer Kenji Kakujo stated, “Since the day we began service, safety has always been our top priority. Our continuous safety management efforts have earned us the trust of the MLIT, and we have now been designated as a Designated Domestic Air Carrier. With the help of each and every employee, we will continue to pursue higher safety standards and conduct ourselves honestly and responsibly as an organization.”

As a Designated Domestic Air Carrier, Peach will consistently maintain this system, operate under it,

and strive even harder towards improving pilot skill retention, while continuing to ensure safe operations.

\*1 Based on Aviation Law Article 72, Paragraphs 5 and 6, the business refers to a business that may act on behalf of the government to conduct periodic evaluations of certified pilots.



**About Peach ([www.flypeach.com](http://www.flypeach.com))**

Peach Aviation began services based out of Kansai Airport in March 2012. Currently, in addition to Kansai Airport, Peach has hubs at New Chitose Airport, Sendai Airport, and Naha Airport with 25 airplanes that service 16 domestic routes and 15 international routes. It operates approximately 100 flights per day and is used by over 13,000 passengers daily. Peach will complete its integration with Narita-based airline Vanilla Air by the end of the 2019 fiscal year, aiming to become Asia's leading LCC.