

News on Kansai Airport from SPARC LOC (6 September 2018)

Kansai Airport which many SPARC GA participants will use was severely damaged by a typhoon on September 4.

LOC will report the status of the airport at least once every day. This is the first report.

Kansai Airport has two runways. One was flooded with high waves. The other is safe. A serious problem is the connecting bridge between Kansai Airport and Osaka city where a tanker collided. One road was heavily damaged by the collision and cannot be used. The other road is safe and currently in use for only vehicles for restoration. The railway bridge is located between these two roads and it has not been reported yet how much damage it had. Currently railway using this bridge is stopped. We guess that they are probably making load test and so on. As long as the railway is not open, Kansai Airport is hardly used. We need to see how it is going for the railway at least for a few days.

Assuming that the restoration of Kansai Airport is not completed before SPARC GA, possible ways to reach Kyoto Station are as follows. Note that the time needed from Kansai Airport to Kyoto Station is 1 h and 18 min by Haruka Express.

1. Chubu Centrair International Airport (Nagoya)
1 h 20 min (Meitetsu Myusky+Shinkansen) (almost the same as the use of Kansai Airport except for necessity of one change of train)
2. Itami Airport (Osaka, currently not international, so via Narita, Haneda, or other international Airport)
57 min (Limousine bus)
3. Kobe Airport (Kobe, not international, so via Narita, Haneda, or other international Airport)
1 h 23 min (Kobe Port Liner + Shinkansen)
4. Haneda International Airport (Tokyo)
2 h 38 min (Keikyu + Shinkansen).
5. Narita International Airport (Tokyo)
3 h 30 min (Narita-express + Shinkansen)