Press Release

NAR and Narita City have signed "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation in the Event of a Large-Scale Disaster"

On September 1, 2022, Nippon Airport Radio Services Co., Ltd., NAR, has concluded an "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation in the Event of a Large-Scale Disaster" with Narita City, home to Narita International Airport, to develop, maintain, and secure a communication channel between the airport and the fire department in the event of a disaster.

In recent years, there have been a number of severe disasters such as the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Kumamoto Earthquake, and typhoons and torrential rains due to climate change, etc., which have caused damage to airports in various regions. On the other hand, airports in disaster areas play an important role in transporting relief supplies and medical centers, and information communication between airports and disaster response related organizations is becoming more and more important. The TETRA installed at Narita International Airport and other major airports has extremely high availability in the event of a disaster, and its radio waves cover the area surrounding the airport. NAR, which operates the TETRA service, has proposed to use it as a communications infrastructure to connect the airport with disaster response agencies of surrounding municipalities.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a radio communication environment between the Narita International Airport and the Narita City Fire Department located in the Narita City Hall, to maintain and secure communications in the event of a major disaster, and to mutually cooperate in providing information, etc., to realize smoother firefighting operations at the airport and to strengthen disaster prevention capabilities with the airport as a key element. In addition, NAR will use this initiative as a model case for responding to wide-area disasters such as the Nankai Trough earthquake, and will promote proposals for the introduction of this system to other municipalities near airports.