

# Joint Press Release

## **DHL Global Forwarding Japan and Nippon Cargo Airlines successfully complete charters for semiconductor manufacturing equipment to Hokkaido**



Hokkaido, January 28, 2025 — DHL Global Forwarding Japan, the freight specialist of DHL Group, and Nippon Cargo Airlines (NCA) have successfully transported semiconductor manufacturing equipment via four charters aimed at significantly reducing transit time from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) in the Netherlands to New Chitose Airport in Japan.

To support this process, a main deck loader specifically designed for unloading and loading semiconductor equipment was transferred from Narita Airport to New Chitose Airport. Additionally, onsite personnel have been trained to take all necessary precautions to ensure smooth operations. Flexible measures, including regular cargo temperature checks and close collaboration with ground handling and logistics shed companies, have been implemented to minimize temperature fluctuations, even in winter conditions. Efforts have also been made to shorten the time between aircraft and truck loading.

“As Japan experiences a strong 17.3% year-on-year growth in semiconductor equipment sales from January to August 2024, it has also maintained a 30% market share in the sector, second only to the

# Joint Press release

United States. This remarkable growth reflects the country's strength in advanced manufacturing and innovation," said Karsten Michaelis, President/Representative Director, DHL Global Forwarding Japan.

"It also underscores the importance of efficient and reliable transportation solutions to support the semiconductor industry. Our collaboration with Nippon Cargo Airlines is a key step in ensuring that Japan continues to lead in this critical sector."

In the year leading up to the four charters, DHL Global Forwarding's local semiconductor specialist teams worked closely with NCA and customers to plan the necessary infrastructure requirements and strategize the safe, efficient transport of semiconductors. This ensures the transportation process adheres to the strictest requirements, even in Hokkaido's severe winter weather.

"This charter was very challenging for us under severe weather and constraints of operations in Chitose, and we could never achieve to success without cooperation of our reliable partner, DHL Global Forwarding Japan. I am honored that we could build our collaboration and to be a part of this national project. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the great efforts of DHL Global Forwarding Japan and partner companies. NCA will keep on serving to meet customers' requirement", said Hitoshi Watanabe, Executive Officer, Nippon Cargo Airlines.

As global competition and geopolitical pressures intensify, Japan is shifting its focus towards its semiconductor industry, emphasizing growth and localization. The goal is to triple semiconductor sales from 2020 until 2030, reaching over US\$108 billion. Hence, establishing efficient transportation for sensitive semiconductors is crucial in supporting market growth.

DHL Global Forwarding Japan and NCA will support the further development of Hokkaido and the Japanese manufacturing industry by exploring ways to strengthen transportation for the local semiconductor sector.

– End –

## Media Contact:

DHL Global Forwarding Japan K.K.

Corporate Communication

Sayaka Shirato

Phone: 03-6731-4221 / E-mail: [sayaka.shirato@dhl.com](mailto:sayaka.shirato@dhl.com)

# Joint Press release

Nippon Cargo Airlines

Public Relations

Phone: 0476-30-3946 / E-mail : [ncapr@nca.aero](mailto:ncapr@nca.aero)

## **DHL – The logistics company for the world**

DHL is the leading global brand in the logistics industry. Our DHL divisions offer an unrivalled portfolio of logistics services ranging from national and international parcel delivery, e-commerce shipping and fulfillment solutions, international express, road, air and ocean transport to industrial supply chain management. With about 395,000 employees in more than 220 countries and territories worldwide, DHL connects people and businesses securely and reliably, enabling global sustainable trade flows. With specialized solutions for growth markets and industries including technology, life sciences and healthcare, engineering, manufacturing & energy, auto-mobility and retail, DHL is decisively positioned as “The logistics company for the world”.

DHL is part of DHL Group. The Group generated revenues of more than 81.8 billion euros in 2023. With sustainable business practices and a commitment to society and the environment, the Group makes a positive contribution to the world. DHL Group aims to achieve net-zero emissions logistics by 2050.

## **About NCA**

NCA began operating U.S. routes in 1985, and since then has carved out a history as Japan's only airline specializing in international cargo flights, supporting international logistics centered on Japan through air cargo transportation, and contributing to the development of society, economy, and culture around the world.

We are committed to fulfilling our mission as an air cargo specialist, which is required by society, by keeping in mind NCA's safety philosophy, “Safety is the foundation of our business and our responsibility to society,” and by treating our customers with sincerity, creativity, and enthusiasm, which is the company motto of NCA.