Plaza Premium Group to open new lounge at New Chitose Airport



Plaza Premium Group's new lounge at New Chitose Airport in Hokkaido, Japan, scheduled to open in December 2026

Plaza Premium Group has announced plans to open a new Plaza Premium Lounge at New Chitose Airport (CTS) in Hokkaido, Japan, in December 2026, expanding its airport hospitality presence in the country.

Located airside on the fourth floor of the International Departures area, near Gate 66, the 814-square-meter lounge will accommodate 172 passengers.

The new facility will feature comfortable, ergonomic seating, complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi and a selection of dining options inspired by local cuisine.

Passengers will be able to enjoy specialty à la carte dishes, including Soup Curry and Hokkaido Soft Serve Ice Cream, alongside a hot buffet selection, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Operating hours are currently planned from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, subject to seasonal flight schedules and final confirmation.

The opening strengthens PPG's footprint in Japan, building on its existing Plaza Premium Lounge at Chubu Centrair International Airport in Nagoya, as well as dining and passenger service offerings across the country.

"Japan continues to be a key strategic market for PPG as global demand for international travel to the region reaches unprecedented heights, with Japan welcoming over 40 million annual foreign visitors," said Song Hoi See, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Plaza Premium Group, in the November 12

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news release.

"Hokkaido, with its rich cultural heritage and world-class year-round tourism, is a premier destination for global travellers," he added.

The lounge's opening comes as New Chitose Airport prepares for increased winter travel demand and the introduction of direct flights to North America.

Masaki Yamazaki, President and Representative Director of Hokkaido Airports Co., Ltd., welcomed the partnership, highlighting its role in the airport's international growth.

"The opening of this lounge represents much more than simply the addition of a new airport facility," he said. "We believe it marks an important step forward in New Chitose Airport's evolution into an airport of choice for travelers from around the world."

The new lounge is intended to provide international passengers with a comfortable space to relax, dine and recharge before departure, supporting the airport's continued development as a gateway connecting Hokkaido with the world.

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