

Star Alliance and Incheon International Airport Corporation sign MOU for lounge operations



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Incheon International Airport Corporation (IIAC) and [Star Alliance](#) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a Star Alliance lounge at Terminal 1 of Incheon International Airport ([ICN](#)).

The MOU will ensure continued premium lounge access for eligible passengers traveling with Star Alliance member airlines at ICN after Asiana Airlines departs from Star Alliance on December 16, as part of its integration with [Korean Air](#). Eligible passengers of Star Alliance member airlines currently enjoy access to Asiana Airlines lounges at ICN.

Under the MOU, the existing Asiana Airlines Business Lounge (West) in Terminal 1 will transition to a Star Alliance lounge. The lounge is expected to begin operations in 4Q, in conjunction with Asiana Airlines' departure from the Alliance. Accordingly, eligible passengers of Star Alliance member airlines at Incheon International Airport will be able to continue enjoying seamless premium lounge services following the transition.

The decision to establish a dedicated Star Alliance lounge at Incheon International Airport reflects the airport's continued importance as a major international gateway, ranking as the world's number one ¹

airport for international passenger traffic in the first half of 2026, and Star Alliance's commitment to delivering a quality experience for customers travelling across its member airlines. The Star Alliance lounge will serve passengers travelling with 14 Star Alliance member airlines operating at ICN. The new space will be the seventh Star Alliance lounge worldwide.

At the signing ceremony, Ambar Franco, Vice President Customer Experience at Star Alliance, said, "Incheon International Airport is an important gateway for Star Alliance, with several member airlines operating here. This partnership with IIAC reflects our shared commitment to delivering a consistently high-quality experience for customers. We are proud to establish a Star Alliance lounge at one of the world's leading airports, and look forward to welcoming our member airline customers at the airport."

Kim Chang-gyu, Chief Operation Officer at Incheon International Airport Corporation, said, "This agreement is part of our efforts to provide stable and high-quality services to passengers using Incheon Airport amid major changes, including the integration of Asiana Airlines and Korean Air. We will continue to provide full support in terms of operations and facilities so that Star Alliance member airlines can expand various networks based at Terminal 1 of Incheon Airport and provide the best services to customers."

The partnership further strengthens ICN's premium service infrastructure and reinforces its position among the world's leading international hubs.