

ANA adds Wajima lacquered chopsticks to onboard retail offer



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[All Nippon Airways](#) (ANA) has announced it will sell ANA original Wajima lacquered chopsticks on its international inflight duty-free service beginning November 1.

Wajima lacquerware, a traditional Japanese craft, passed down over hundreds of years in the Wajima region of Ishikawa Prefecture, has been celebrated domestically and internationally for its exquisite designs and superior quality. The 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake severely impacted many Wajima lacquerware artisans, leading to the loss of workshops and creative opportunities. To support these artisans, revive their businesses and showcase the charm of Japan's traditional Wajima lacquerware, ANA initiated the planning and development of ANA original Wajima lacquered chopsticks in February.

"Introducing the artistry of Wajima lacquerware to our inflight experience through original chopsticks underscores ANA's deep commitment to cultural preservation and artisan support," said Tomoji Ishii, Executive Vice President, Customer Experience Management and Planning of ANA. "This initiative is rooted in Japan's rich heritage and allows passengers to connect with traditional craftsmanship while contributing to its sustainability."

The ANA original Wajima lacquered chopsticks feature designs inspired by Mount Fuji, cherry blossoms and airplanes. Each pair is hand-painted with lacquer, embodying the essence of Japan.

To support the Wajima artisans in the disaster-affected area, percent percent of product sales will be donated to the Wajima City Office in Ishikawa Prefecture, ANA said in its press release. This contribution supports the continuation of traditional Wajima lacquerware craftsmanship.