

FUKUSHIMA (FKS/RJSF)

Elevation 1,220ft

CATEGORY A

No AV brief required.

GENERAL

- FKS is located 19 km southeast of Koriyama
- Traffic declined significantly following the 2011 earthquake and nuclear disaster, but is starting to increase again
- Some controllers are difficult to understand. Use standard phraseology.

Threat Based Briefing Topics**CFIT**

- High ground to the E and W with spot heights of 3,064ft asl ~6nm E and 3,562ft asl ~15nm NW
- There is also an area of high ground to the S with terrain up to 3,333ft asl inside 20nm
- Mt Nantai, 8,031ft asl, is 50nm SW
- Terrain is well-depicted on Lido charts and a minimum vectoring altitude chart is provided

Runway Excursion

- Risk of overshooting due to unusual visual aspect from 60m wide runway

Mid Air Collision

- Exercise caution with pressure settings provided by ATC in Japan. Refer to section on Japanese operations for details
- Departure clearances may include, for example, A110. This is a clearance to an altitude of 11,000ft. This clearance does not, in itself, override the need to comply with the altitude constraints on the SID.

ARRIVAL

- RNAV arrivals in use from the north
- The runway is wide and slightly shorter than average for the B744 route network, leading to an unusual visual aspect

GROUND

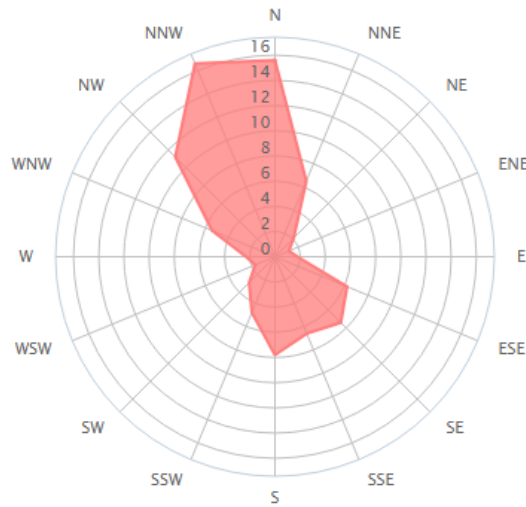
- Runways and taxiways are well-maintained and of good quality
- Very limited apron space

DEPARTURE

- Some SIDs require quite steep climb gradients. Consider use of full CLB thrust and Vref+100 if required.

WEATHER

- The climate is humid continental with mild summers and cold winters with heavy snowfall.
- Rainfall is significant with July, the wettest month, seeing an average of 7.3 inches
- Average daily mean max/min temperatures 29°C/20°C (Aug), 4°C/-3°C (Jan)
- Winds can be high and gusty, particularly in winter
- Prevailing wind N-NW'ly



OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	JAL
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Uplift permitted

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use both ground services at all times