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Japanese Airline Industry Delegation to Visit Capital Airport.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS..... Three members of a Japanese delegation will be visiting Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport on Monday, May 4, 2009 as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The delegation's visit, arranged by the Institute of International Education, will be focused on learning about the process of airline de-regulation, to examine the impact of de-regulation on the airline industry and consumers, and will analyze how de-regulation improves air-traffic control systems.

The Japanese delegation will arrive at Capital Airport at 9 a.m. and will receive a tour of the facility and partake in round table discussions with airport management and operations staff. "This is quite an exceptional opportunity for us to share our knowledge of a de-regulated industry with these other airline professionals," said Mark Hanna, Executive Director of Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. "We are looking forward to a good exchange of information and ideas."

Members of the delegation from Japan include Mr. Takafumi Inoue, Director, Airline Marketing and Sales Aviation, Kansai International Airport Company, Limited; Mr. Norihisa Tagawa, Director, Passenger Marketing and Promotion, Kansai International Airport Company, Limited; and Mr. Shinichiro Suda, a well known freelance journalist focusing on economic and de-regulation issues in Japan.

Tim Farley, Executive Director of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau said, "It always astounds me that there is so much international interest in Springfield through the Commission on International Visitors. It just goes to show the diverse interests visitors have in our business and tourism products."

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