

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

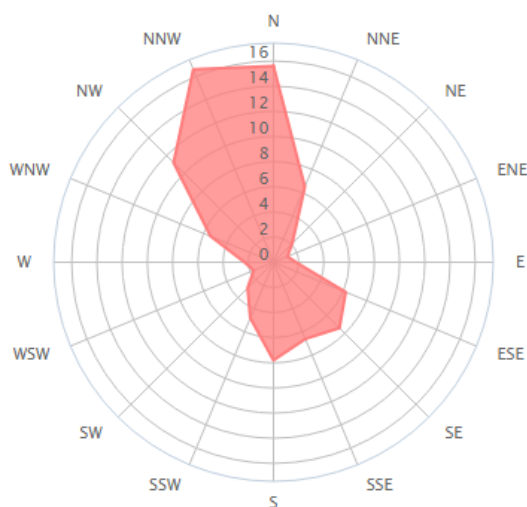
- Runways and taxiways are well-maintained and of good quality
- Very limited apron space

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

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| Handling Agent | JAL |
| Handling Agent VHF | |
| Potable Water | Uplift permitted |

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| 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 |

