

Asian Breeze (40)

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Happy Summer to you

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Dear Coordinators and Facilitators in Asia/Pacific region.

You must be very busy preparing for SAL since the deadline date of SAL is 11 June (Thursday) this week.

According to the meteorological agency, the rainy season will start this week or next in Tokyo. People don't like the rainy season, but it is indispensable for the agricultural products to grow, we have to put up with it anyhow.

In rainy season, “紫陽花” or “Ajisai” called in Japanese or hydrangea macrophylla will bloom which makes us to forget the blue mood of rainy season for a moment. As the color of this flower changes depending on the soil PH, you will enjoy many different colors like blue, red, purple and white.

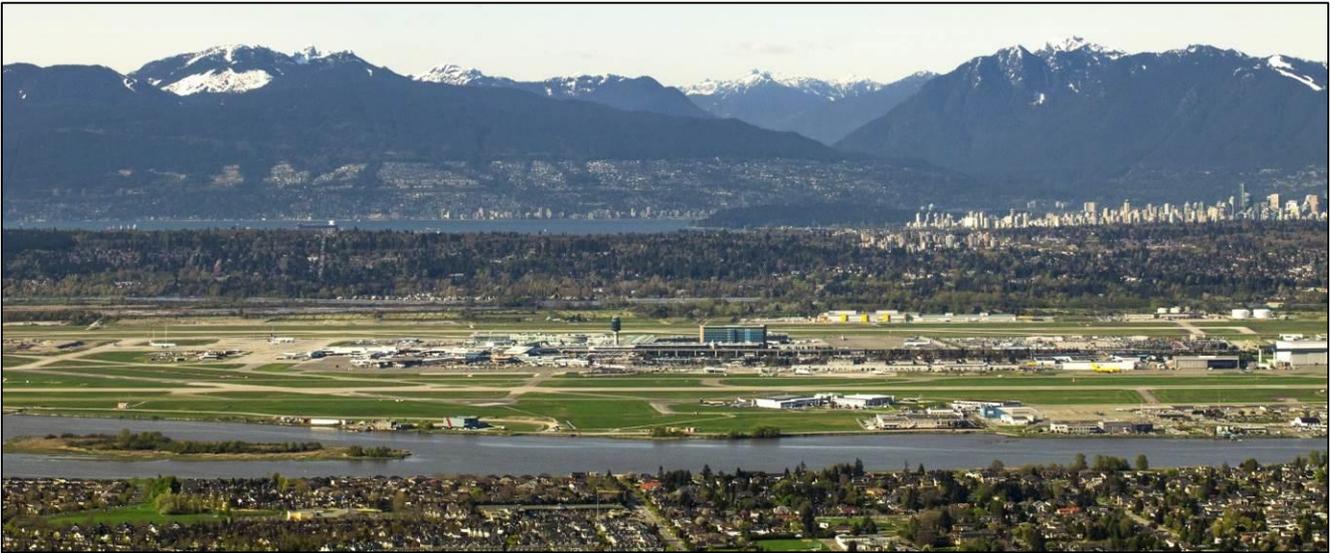


In this issue, we have received a wonderful contribution from Mr. Kyle Galbraith, Head Coordinator of Vancouver International Airport. You might be very interested in the article since IATA Slot Conference 136 (SC136) will be held in Vancouver from 23 to 25 June. You will also find some nice tourist information in Vancouver. In addition, I added the information of Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG) meeting, Asia/Pacific Airport Coordinators Association (APACA) meeting and Asian Tea Gathering during SC136. I hope you will enjoy reading them.

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

Vancouver International Airport (IATA: YVR, ICAO: CYVR) is located on Sea Island in Richmond, British Columbia Canada, about 12km from Downtown Vancouver. The second busiest airport in Canada, YVR welcomed a record 19.4 million passengers in 2014 and had record passenger volumes from the Asia-Pacific, with traffic to the region up 9.8 per cent. Fifty-three airlines serve YVR, connecting people and businesses to more than 110 non-stop destinations worldwide. It is also one of the few major international airports to have a terminal for scheduled floatplanes.

Vancouver Airport Authority is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that manages YVR. The Airport Authority has no shareholders, reinvests all profits back into airport operations and development and in 2014 donated more than \$900,000 to local organizations. Its mission is to create an airport that British Columbia can be proud of: a premier global gateway, local economic generator and community contributor.



YVR's vision is to be a world-class sustainable hub, connecting Asia to the Americas. To help achieve this vision, YVR embarked on a 10-year, \$1.8 billion gateway strategy to improve the terminal experience for passengers and airlines. Capital investments include a recently completed A-B Connector, a domestic terminal expansion with new shops and services, expanded holdrooms and gate improvements. YVR is currently building new connecting passengers corridors and a high-speed baggage system that will reduce connecting times for transferring passengers to under an hour and will move an average of 60,000 bags per day from any point in the terminal to their end goal - in under 30 minutes.

In addition to infrastructure investment, YVR has an aggressive government relations team, working on visa free transit programs to further develop YVR as a connecting hub. This means international passengers can fly through YVR onward to another international destination without requiring a Canadian visa. YVR invests in innovative technology, like Automated Border Control, to process passengers quickly and efficiently through the terminal.

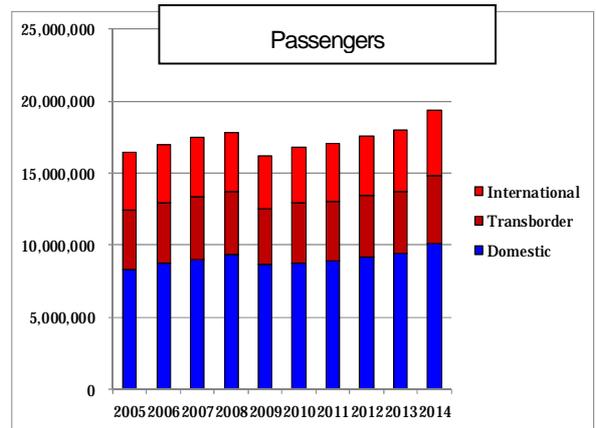
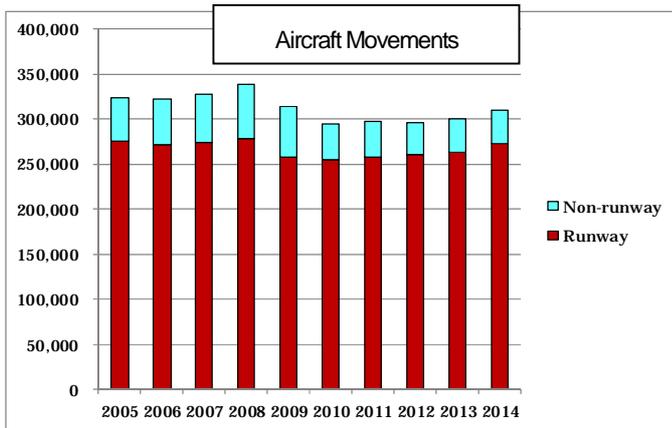
YVR is committed to delivering an exceptional customer experience. Almost 500 green coat volunteers help passengers navigate through the terminal. These green coats speak 33 languages and are one of the key reasons YVR received a 91 per cent customer satisfaction rating for the second year in a row in 2014. YVR was also recently named Best Airport in North America for an unprecedented six years in a row at the prestigious Skytrax World Airport Awards and was also voted Number 1 in the world in its size category.

Air Transport Statistics

YVR handled 273,212 aircraft runway take-offs and landings in 2014, an increase of 10,000 from 2013, and handled 256,934 tonnes of cargo - an increase of 12.5 per cent from 2013 and the highest volume in over a decade.

YVR's South Terminal, which is a regional hub for small aircraft, float planes, helicopter operations and charters,

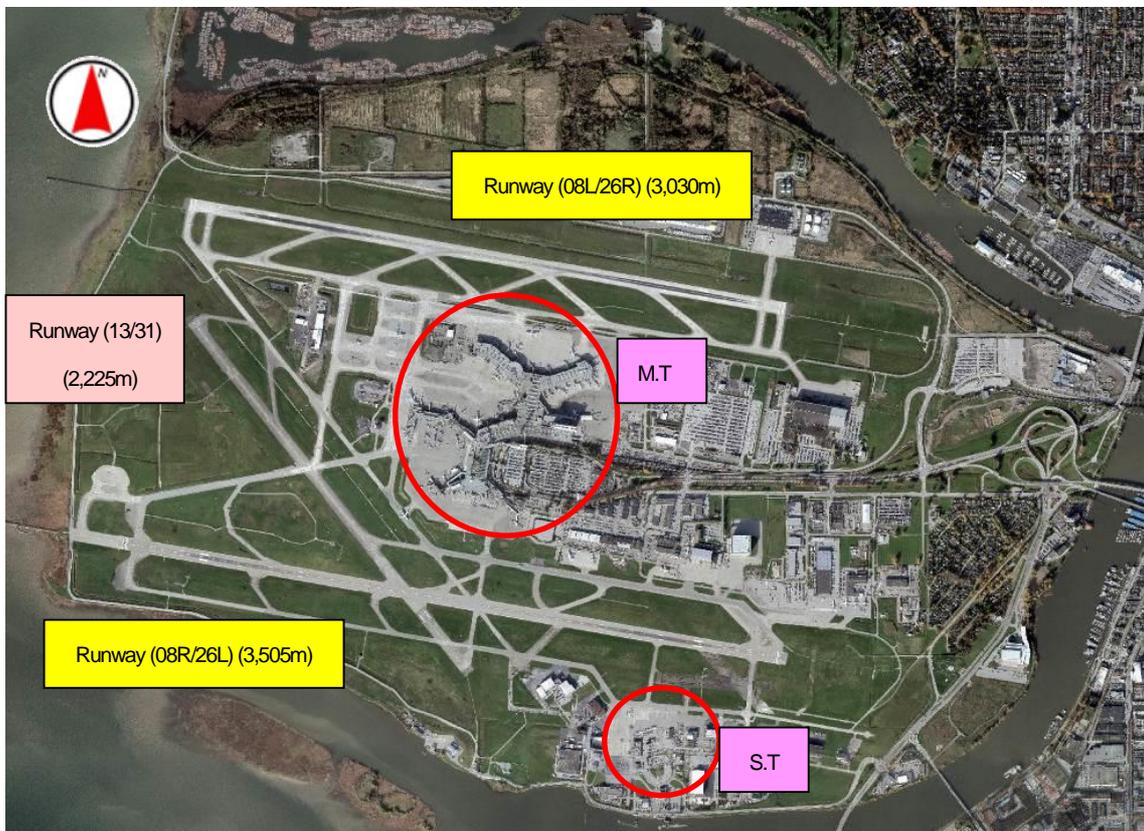
maintained steady service in 2014. Take-offs at the South Terminal totalled 36,927; 8,315 from helicopters and 28,612 from float planes.



Airport Infrastructure

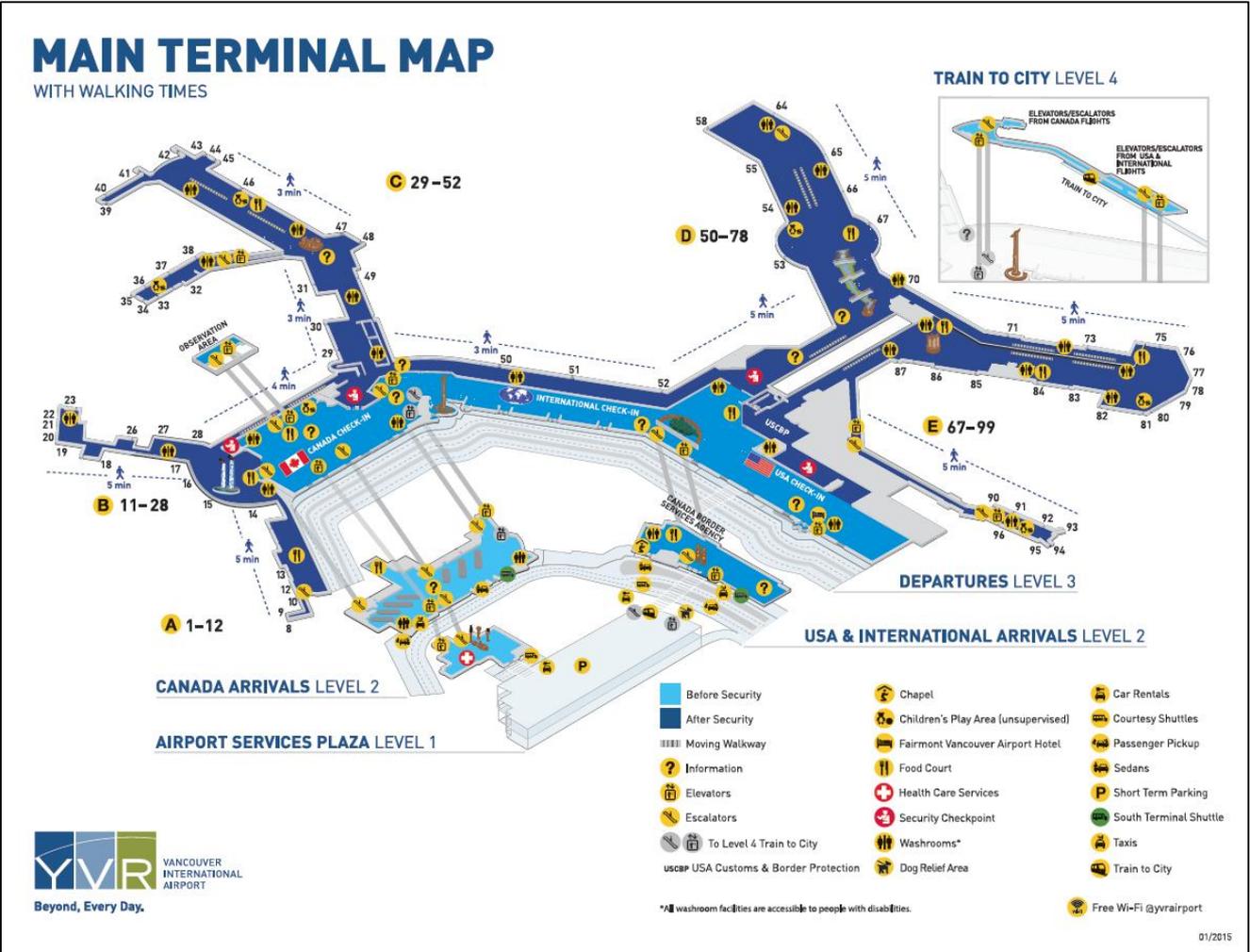
YVR has three runways: two open parallel runways and one crosswind runway. The two main runways are 3,030m (08L/26R) and 3,505m (08R/26L) and the crosswind runway is 2,225m (13/31).

YVR has two terminals: the Main Terminal and the South Terminal. The Main Terminal is divided in two sections: the Domestic Terminal and the International Terminal. The majority of flights operate at the Main Terminal.



Main Terminal (Domestic)

The Domestic Terminal was constructed in 1968 by Vancouver, BC based firm Thompson, Berwick and Pratt and recently given a top-to-bottom renovation by Vancouver architect Kasian Kennedy. The Domestic terminal consists of three concourses (A, B and C).



Concourse A

Concourse A consists of four temporary gates: A8, A9, A10 and A12. These gates are used by WestJet Encore. A new permanent ground-loading concourse is planned to start construction by 2016.

Concourse B

Concourse B comprises gates B12 through B28, for a total of 15 gates. B22 B23 and B26 are ground loading ramps, accessed through gate B23. Concourse B is primarily used by WestJet for domestic flights, but is also used for domestic flights by Air North, Air Transat, Central Mountain Air, First Air, Hawkair and Sunwing Airlines.

Concourse C

There are 24 gates in Concourse C: C29 through C52. This is the hub for Air Canada domestic flights. C50, C51 and C52 are also frequently used by WestJet. C48 through C52 are swing gates and can be used for

international arrivals and departures (designated as D48 through D52).

Main Terminal (International)

The International Terminal was built by Chicago-based Architectura with Kansas City-based HNTB Corporation (1994–96). YVR has US preclearance facilities, which are situated in the International Terminal. All gates in the International Terminal can accept flights arriving from all international and US origins: passengers are directed onto overhead walkways which lead to the customs and immigration area.



Concourse D

Concourse D is used by all international-bound and select US-bound flights from Vancouver. There are 14 gates: D50 to D55, D58, D64 to D67, D70, D71, and D73. All of these gates can handle wide-body aircraft; four gates are fitted with 2 jet bridges, two of which can handle the Airbus A380. D50 to D52 are swing gates that can be used by domestic flights (designated C50 to C52). D67 through D73 are swing gates which may be partitioned off to allow for a higher number of US preclearance flights (designated E67 through E73).

Concourse E

Concourse E is the US border preclearance area and consists of 20 gates: E75 to E87 and E90 to E96. Gates E75 to E78 can accommodate smaller wide-body aircraft and are swing gates that can be used for international departures (as gates D75 to D78). The majority of US-bound flights operate from Concourse E; the only exceptions are flights from an international origin (Cathay Pacific's Hong Kong - Vancouver - New York and Philippine Airlines' Manila - Vancouver - New York flights), or flights that depart after 8:30pm (e.g. Delta Air Lines' Vancouver - New York flight).

South Terminal

The South Terminal serves regional airlines that fly mostly within British Columbia, in addition to helicopters, chartered flights and float planes. It also houses the corporate headquarters and main base of Pacific Coastal Airlines.

Introduction of our members

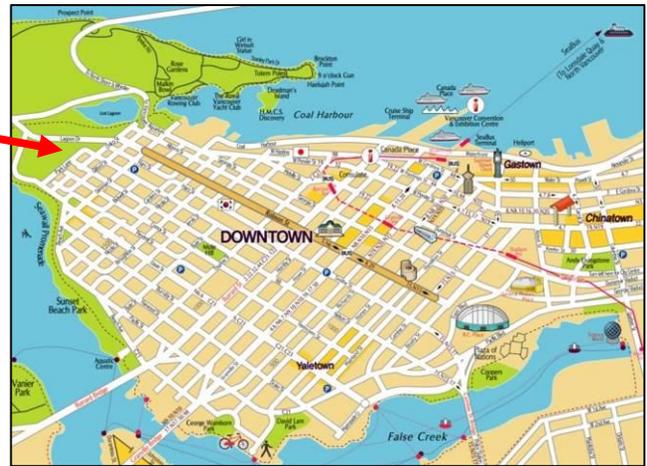
YVR’s Air Service Development is led by Mr. Carl Jones, Director of Air Service Development, and is supported by Schedule Planners Mr. Kyle Galbraith and Ms. Melissa Luongo.

	
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Tourist Spots during SC136



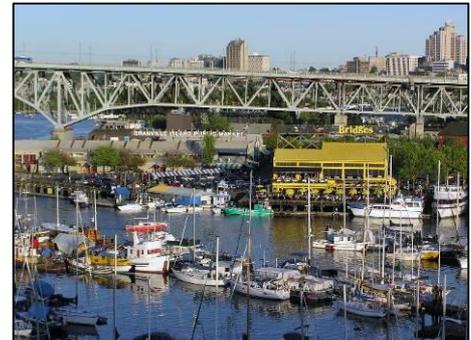
1. Stanley Park

One of the most famous parks in the world and definitely the most famous of these Vancouver attractions, Stanley Park is as cherished by locals as it is by tourists. Home to the scenic Seawall - perfect for walking, biking and rollerblading - as well as gardens, walking trails, beaches, historic Totems, and the Vancouver Aquarium, the park has something for everyone.



2. Granville Island

Granville Island is one of the most visited Vancouver attractions, and for good reason! Situated on False Creek with views of downtown Vancouver, the 37 acre island is home to an array of shops, restaurants and theatres, as well as the immensely popular Granville Island Public Market.



3. Chinatown

Historic, vibrant and diverse, Chinatown Vancouver is one of the largest Chinatowns in the western hemisphere and a definite must visit Vancouver attraction. It's second only to San Francisco in land size and has the third largest population (after San Francisco and New York). Home to shops, restaurants and historic sites, including the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Chinese Garden and the Chinese Cultural Centre, this is one of the best places to stroll, explore and dine.



4. Gastown

One of Vancouver's oldest neighborhoods, Gastown is packed with historic architecture, galleries, restaurants, and fashion boutiques. It's also the place to shop for innovative, high-end interior design.



5. Grouse Mountain

Situated just north of downtown Vancouver, Grouse Mountain is another one of the Vancouver attractions that's equally popular with visitors and locals: it's a ski-and-snowboard destination in the winter and an outdoor entertainment venue in the summer. Facilities on top of Grouse Mountain include restaurants and hotels, sports and recreation, a mountain bear refuge, lumberjack shows, and incredible views of the city.



6. Capilano Suspension Bridge

One of the most popular and unique Vancouver attractions is this swaying, scenic suspension bridge, which stretches 137 meters across and 70 meters above the Capilano River.



7. VanDusen Botanical Garden

Delightful year-round, the VanDusen Botanical Garden is a fairytale land of winding paths, ponds full of lily pads and an astounding array of plants and flowers. It's a perfect example of the botanical Vancouver attractions; find more here: [Top 5 Vancouver Gardens](#).



8. Vancouver Museums & Galleries

Explore Canada and Vancouver's art, history, people and environment at the city's world-class museums and galleries, including the Vancouver Art Gallery and the amazing UBC Museum of Anthropology, two major Vancouver attractions.



WWACG/23 meeting

The twenty third plenary meeting of WWACG will be held from 15:30 to 17:30 on 22 June (Monday) at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, Canada. The meeting room for WWACG/23 is 118, Level 1 of Vancouver Convention Center. This meeting is very important since there will be an election of WWACG core group members. There are 8 candidates for 7 positions of core members. It is strongly encouraged for coordinators and facilitators in Asia/Pacific region to participate in the plenary meeting as much as possible to support Asian representation.

APACA/10 meeting

The tenth general assembly meeting of APACA will be held from 17:00 to 18:00 on 23 June (Tuesday) at the Vancouver Convention Center in Vancouver, Canada. The meeting room for APACA/10 is 118, Level 1 of Vancouver Convention Center. The tentative agenda of APACA/10 meeting is shown below.

1. Approval of Minutes of 9th meeting held on 11 November 2014 in Czech Republic.
2. Election Result of WWACG
3. Issue of Conflicting/ Similar Sounding Call Sign
4. WSG Modification (Post SAL Activities)
5. Coordination Parameters
6. Any Other Business

Asian Tea Gathering

The Asian Tea Gathering will be hosted by Japan Schedule Coordination (JSC) during the lunch time of 12:00 to 13:00 on 25 June (Thursday). The place would be coordinator's room of JSC, room 111. The coffee/tea and some sweets will be served. Please come freely and join the Asian Tea Gathering to enjoy chatting over a cup of tea or coffee with some sweets. This gathering is purely informal, no agenda and no speech but chatting. We would appreciate it if you would bring your unique sweets if possible.

From the Chief Editor

I really appreciate the contribution to Asian Breeze (40) by Mr. Kyle Galbraith, Head Coordinator of Vancouver International Airport. Since IATA Slot Conference (SC136) will be held in Vancouver in June, the article is very timely and provides us with a lot of information of YVR airport and tourism. I learnt very well that the YVR is a real gateway to Asia/Pacific routes. I am planning to visit some of tourist spots introduced in the article while I am in Vancouver.

Having finished this issue, I will go back to coordination work since the deadline of SAL distribution is Thursday this week. Please have fun coordinating your airports!

