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## **SJSV Chamber applauds establishment of direct San Jose-Tokyo air service**

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber applauds All Nippon Airways' decision to launch nonstop airline service between Mineta San Jose International and Tokyo's Narita International Airport.

Establishing international air travel between the two cities was a priority by the SJSV Chamber, and dozens of members wrote enthusiastic letters of support and shared information about their business travel to Asia.

"This announcement would not have happened if it were not for the leadership exhibited by the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce," said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed.

ANA announced it would begin to offer service sometime in 2012-13 using the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The airline company's president called San Jose "an important destination on the U.S. west coast" because of the many important software and high-tech companies in the Silicon Valley.

"The SJSV Chamber is committed to cultivating a strong regional economy, and having direct flights to a Pacific Rim country will directly benefit many small and large companies engaging in commerce—not to mention the benefits all around to leisure travel," said Matthew Mahood, president & CEO. "2012 will see the chamber engaging more strongly on important economic initiatives, advocating for jobs and our community for a new economy."

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