

Utilizing Suzhou's International Aviation Resources and Upgrading Suzhou as a Global Metropolis

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Abstract

In decades, visitors to Suzhou have never failed to be deeply impressed by this place. A global metropolis with a population of close to 11 million, Suzhou has maintained its fine traditions as a “heaven on earth” with a history of more than 2,500 years. From their personal experiences, residents or visitors all have the impression that Suzhou has no airports.

This impression, however, is mistaken. According to the records of both International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA), Suzhou began to have its own airport as early as 1994. The airport, Suzhou Guangfu Airport, belongs to the same class as Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport. Unfortunately, the international aviation resources of this airport has been fully utilized at the moment.

The XIPU Institution’s advice is that the Suzhou Municipal Government should fully utilize its international aviation resources to build a new international airport and to create a Suzhou Airlines with this airport as the base in order to upgrade Suzhou as a global metropolis.

Key Words

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