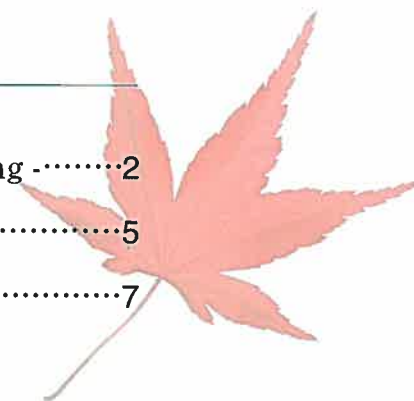


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From the Editor,

As introduced in previous Enzyme Wave articles (Vol. 2), the world exposition, Expo 2005 AICHI, is scheduled to open in Aichi Prefecture, where the Amano head office is located, from March 25 through September 25, 2005.

In order to accommodate the large number of visitors expected from all over the world, many projects have been planned and commenced to provide new exhibitions and attractions and also to improve the transportation system. The biggest project in the transportation systems is the construction of a new airport, the Central Japan International Airport, to serve as the new gateway to Aichi Prefecture.

CENTRAIR, as the new airport is called, will be located on a reclaimed island approximately 2 kilometers offshore Tokoname City, which is roughly 35 kilometers south of Nagoya. It is targeted to open in 2005, just before the opening of EXPO 2005. Convenient access from Nagoya and other cities in Aichi will be achieved by express trains and expressways. Thanks to its central location in Japan, visitors arriving at Centrair will find the rest of Japan easily accessible through the domestic air service network, the Tokaido Shinkansen ("bullet" train), and the Tomei and Meishin Expressways. Centrair is expected to be the new gateway not only to Aichi, but to all of Japan, promoting the movement of people, goods and information between Japan, and the rest of the world. We are looking forward to welcoming our guests soon through this new international airport.



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