「Urgent Statement Regarding the Aviation Accident at Haneda Airport on January 2, 2024」

In the evening of January 2, 2024, an incident occurred at Haneda Airport where a Japan Airlines flight 516 made contact and caught fire on the runway after a collision with a Japan Coast Guard aircraft.

We express our deepest condolences to those who lost their lives in this incident and to their families and loved ones. We also extend our wishes for a swift recovery to the injured and offer our sympathies to all the passengers affected. Additionally, we express our heartfelt respect to everyone involved in the accident response efforts.

To prevent such serious incidents from recurring and to help those affected by the accident return to their normal lives as soon as possible, the ALPA-Japan declare the following:

1. The accident investigation must follow Annex 13 of the International Civil Aviation Organization, focusing solely on preventing recurrence, and must be separate from criminal investigations and other judicial administrative procedures that assign blame or responsibility.

2. Information dissemination should strictly adhere to verified facts only. Disseminating information other than verified facts may lead to misconceptions about the accident and should be strictly avoided.

Especially regarding point 2, Disseminating information based on uncertain or unverified data, through any means, poses a negative impact from the perspective of safeguarding the accident-involved individuals.
We kindly request not only the press and aviation commentators but also individuals using social media platforms to take heed of this matter.