

“ Night Flight ” at Haneda International Airport

GOTO INC has been publishing “My town, My planetarium” ads in Sky & Telescope since 1987. And we know that these ads have increased tourism in some of the towns as visitors come to see the planetarium. But most tourists who see the newest GOTO opto-mechanical star projector won't be staying long. That's because it is in the new International Terminal at Tokyo's Haneda Airport!

At the core of this new 10 meter planetarium is the new GOTO PANDIA HYBRID system. This brand new projector for domes 6-12 meters in diameter is still being released around the world. The first installation is at Haneda. The new PANDIA is a very compact, LED-powered starball which projects a gorgeous sky and 40,000,000 star Milky Way onto the dome. It tells beautiful stories in the sky when synchronized with colorful, fulldome video. A one-of-a-kind electronic LCD shutter cylinder turns transparent or opaque at the flip of a switch, giving either realistic horizon cutoffs in the tilted dome, or a room that is filled floor to ceiling with stars. All together, the result is a true work of art.

In making this unique facility, GOTO INC was challenged to create a dome that would have multiple functions in a very busy airport. Working with the airport authority and the future operator, the dome was designed to operate as a coffee shop each morning, and as a cocktail lounge at night. Both of these uses have intimate, dimly lit tables, comfy seating, cool jazz on the audio system, and beautiful sky images overhead. In the afternoons, the dome transforms into a full-fledged planetarium with astronomy themed shows playing to excited audiences.



Unique LCD shutter cylinder in opaque mode.



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The current afternoon show, “Night Flight” takes travelers from Tokyo to a destination with a different latitude and different culture, as the audience learns about changes in the sky and the constellation legends of different lands. Since Haneda is an airport, shows are short, allowing passengers to catch their next flight. But even before they step on board, they have already been to a different world!