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Quarantine officials inspecting newly arrived chicks

Dramatic increase in imported chicks at Kansai Intl Airport

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OSAKA—There has been a marked increase in the number of chicks arriving at the Kansai International Airport on international flights, a quarantine official responsible for checking on the health of the new arrivals said Friday.

From September 1994 through September 1995, about 262,000 imported chicks arrived at Kansai

International Airport, primarily from England and the United States. The chicks are imported for food and eggs and the number of imported chicks has increased nearly seven times from the totals at the older Osaka Airport.

Unfortunately, due to the long hours in transit, some of the chicks die on the way to Osaka from Narita International Airport.