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## Air Gateway to the World



### The world at our doorstep

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, one of the world's major air gateways, is marking its 25th anniversary by playing an even more important role in Seattle's economic lifeline and jumping-off point for pleasure journeys around the world.

Dedicated in 1949, the Port of Seattle-operated field not only has been expanded to cope with mushrooming passenger and cargo traffic but giant new airliners as well, many of them planes rolled from Boeing factories in Renton and Everett.

Readers will find interesting articles, photos and sketches in this special anniversary section about the airport which ranks among the nation's key hubs, both for domestic travel and as gateway to Alaska, the Pacific, Canada and Europe.

What will the anniversary report be 25 years from today? Undoubtedly, a story of growth and expansion, with more travel opportunities than ever before for Puget Sound area residents, with more airlines and more routes.

Seattle-Tacoma has marched with aviation progress since its 1949 dedication, and Port of Seattle executives and planners look forward with confidence to an increasingly important airport role as this century nears an end.