

Beijing prepares airport fit for Olympics

Olympic visitors arriving in Beijing will be greeted by one of the largest aviation projects in the world, as the city's international airport makes ready a giant new terminal to double passenger capacity

TERMINAL 3

Chinese dragon design features five floors above ground, two below

Terminal 3B

International flights

Mini-train

Links Terminals 3A and 3B in three minutes

Scale: 3km long, one million square metres of floor space, more than all five London Heathrow terminals combined

Planes: 120 gates and 73 parking bays added, plus third runway to handle big aircraft such as A380

Terminal 3C

BUSIEST AIRPORTS

Million passengers Jan-Oct 2007

Atlanta	74.9
O'Hare, Chicago	64.5
London Heathrow	57.4
Tokyo Haneda	55.4
Los Angeles	51.9
Paris CDG	50.7
Dallas-Fort Worth	50.1
Frankfurt	46.0
Beijing	45.5
Madrid	43.9

Terminal 3A: Main entrance, check-in and domestic flights

Luggage handling

Over 19,000 bags an hour. Luggage can be retrieved within five minutes of planes unloading

Transport centre

Rail station linked to Beijing subway and car park with 7,000 spaces

