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Japan Airlines to build biofuel plant

Japan Airlines (JAL) is building its first demonstration complex in Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo, aiming to get the fuel ready for use in their aircraft by 2020. The company, together with other companies and organizations, including Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, is researching the design for the plant, whose cost is estimated to be a little less than \$42 million, reported Nikkei. Hydrogen and carbon monoxide produced in a waste disposal plant in Chiba will be converted into aircraft fuel using catalytic agents. JAL also plans to market this new technology through a foreign company that could reduce the estimated price of fuel made from waste to about \$120 a barrel, at par with the price of kerosene, in large scale production. JAL's parent airline All Nippon Airways, or ANA Holdings, has also announced plans to sell biofuel made from algae in collaboration with Euglena in 2020.

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