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How to Build an Airport

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Major aviation infrastructure projects are notoriously time-consuming. In Switzerland, simply extending an existing runway requires well over a decade of political navigation and planning before construction can even begin. But how fast can a completely new aviation hub be constructed?

Noida International Airport in India is being built from the ground up at an unprecedented pace, progressing from initial agreements in 2020 to advanced construction in record time. During this lecture, Nicolas Schenk, Chief Development Officer of the airport, will share firsthand insights into this process – detailing the rapid planning, design, and construction required to build a massive international aviation hub from scratch.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event. Guests are most welcome!

Best regards,

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