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### **AAPA April 2006 Traffic Results**

Preliminary results for April 2006 show further growth in the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines passenger traffic, with 10.9 million international passengers carried during the month, up 6.7%, boosted by travel during the busy holiday period. Traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms grew by 7.0% and, with capacity up just 2.4%, resulted in a 3.2 percentage point improvement in load factor to 74.7%.

AAPA international cargo traffic in April rose by 5.2% in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) terms. Capacity grew by 4.0%, bringing about a 0.8 percentage point improvement in the freight load factor to 67.0%.

For the first four months of the year, AAPA international passenger traffic has recorded growth of 5.2%, with an average load factor of 74.7%. AAPA international cargo traffic has reported growth of 5.6% over the same period.

Commenting on the figures, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General, said:

"We're happy to see further positive growth in demand for international travel, with passenger numbers up 5.2% for the first four months of the year, and in April itself, up 6.7%. The air cargo business is also progressing well, up 5.6% over last year. However, the airlines are still wrestling with the impact of extremely high fuel prices, which have undermined profitability."

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**TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY**  
International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

**April 2006**

	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>April 2005</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers Carried (000)	10,934	10,251	+ 6.7 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	44,831,397	41,898,540	+ 7.0 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	60,038,052	58,624,765	+ 2.4 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.7 %	71.5 %	+ 3.2 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,473,791	4,252,016	+ 5.2 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,673,605	6,417,134	+ 4.0 %
Freight Load Factor	67.0 %	66.2 %	+ 0.8 pp

**JANUARY-APRIL 2006**

	<b>Jan-Apr 2006</b>	<b>Jan-Apr 2005</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers Carried (000)	43,339	41,179	+ 5.2 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	179,264,675	170,366,591	+ 5.2 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	240,016,292	234,419,256	+ 2.4 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.7 %	72.7 %	+ 2.0 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	17,102,121	16,188,567	+ 5.6 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	25,677,529	24,806,689	+ 3.5 %
Freight Load Factor	66.6 %	65.3 %	+ 1.3 pp

**Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)**

The AAPA is a grouping of 17 scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. It is the trade association of the region's airlines, created to represent their interests and to provide a forum for all members to exchange information and views on matters of common concern. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, AAPA member airlines carry approximately one-fifth of global passenger traffic and one-third of global cargo traffic, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation. For more information about the AAPA, please visit [www.aapairlines.org](http://www.aapairlines.org).

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