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AAPA August 2006 Traffic Results

The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines today released preliminary traffic results for August 2006. With over 12 million passenger boardings, international passengers carried increased by 4.4% for the month. Traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms grew by 3.0% which, together with a slight reduction in capacity, led to a 2.4 percentage point improvement in the passenger load factor, to 78.5%.

International freight traffic, expressed in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), grew by 5.5% in August. The freight load factor was 65.8%, reflecting a 2.2% increase in capacity.

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

"Passenger traffic, in RPK terms, for the first eight months of the year grew by +4.3%. Freight traffic, in FTK terms, also continues to perform well, up +4.8%. Overall economic conditions remain good. Oil prices have fallen back sharply from their recent peak, but still remain high by historical standards, and we expect continued volatility. The outlook remains fairly positive for further growth in demand for both passenger travel and air freight services."

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY
International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

AUGUST 2006

	Aug 2006	Aug 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	12,035	11,529	+ 4.4 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	49,090,255	47,672,482	+ 3.0 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	62,502,866	62,633,118	- 0.2 %
Passenger Load Factor	78.5 %	76.1 %	+ 2.4 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,413,759	4,182,117	+ 5.5 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,706,341	6,560,521	+ 2.2 %
Freight Load Factor	65.8 %	63.7 %	+ 2.1 point

JANUARY-AUGUST 2006

	Jan-Aug 2006	Jan-Aug 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	88,611	84,993	+ 4.3 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	367,378,790	352,946,003	+ 4.1 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	486,193,932	480,347,239	+ 1.2 %
Passenger Load Factor	75.6 %	73.5 %	+ 2.1 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	34,762,509	33,160,250	+ 4.8 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	52,255,861	50,740,050	+ 3.0 %
Freight Load Factor	66.5 %	65.4 %	+ 1.1 point

Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

The AAPA is the trade association of 17 scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, AAPA member airlines carry 270 million passengers and 10 million tonnes of cargo representing approximately one-fifth of global passenger traffic and one-third of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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