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AAPA Calendar Year 2005 and December 2005 Traffic Results

The preliminary results showed the number of international passengers carried by AAPA members topped 128.0 million for the whole of 2005, an increase of +5.0% or 6.1 million passengers. In terms of revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs), passenger traffic rose by +5.1%. Capacity expanded by +4.6%, resulting in an improvement of +0.4 percentage point in passenger load factor, to 73.3% for 2005.

International freight traffic grew by +3.3% in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) terms for the whole of 2005. Capacity rose by +4.9%, resulting in a -1.0 percentage point decline in freight load factor, to 66.4%.

For the month of December, the number of passengers carried grew by only +0.9% year-on-year, to 11.0 million. RPKs rose by +2.4% on capacity growth of +2.1%, causing December's passenger load factor to gain +0.2 percentage point, to 73.7%.

Freight traffic ended the year on a stronger note in December, with monthly FTKs reporting a year-on-year growth of +6.4%. Capacity expanded by +4.7%, resulting in an improvement in freight load factor of +1.1 percentage points, to 68.1%.

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

"AAPA member airlines as a group set new records for both international passenger and cargo traffic in 2005, despite the dampening effect of high oil prices. The number of international passengers reached 128 million for the year, a growth of 5%. Cargo traffic of 10 million tonnes also surpassed the previous record set in 2004, although the growth rate was a relatively modest 3.3%. The outlook for Asia Pacific's aviation industry in 2006 remains fairly positive, although the burden of high oil prices on the global economy remains a concern."

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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.

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TRAFFIC UPDATE - PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

DECEMBER 2005

	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	10,961	10,861	+ 0.9 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	45,895,748	44,840,311	+ 2.4 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	62,260,993	60,984,876	+ 2.1%
Passenger Load Factor	73.7 %	73.5 %	+ 0.2 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,589,303	4,314,997	+ 6.4 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,741,462	6,439,015	+ 4.7 %
Freight Load Factor	68.1 %	67.0 %	+ 1.1 pp

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2005

	Jan-Dec 2005	Jan-Dec 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	128,013	121,915	+ 5.0 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	531,147,358	505,242,763	+ 5.1 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	724,641,062	692,635,360	+ 4.6 %
Passenger Load Factor	73.3 %	72.9 %	+ 0.4 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	51,341,382	49,704,793	+ 3.3 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	77,322,382	73,735,163	+ 4.9 %
Freight Load Factor	66.4 %	67.4 %	- 1.0 pp