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AAPA February 2006 Traffic Results

February 2006 preliminary traffic results released by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines indicate a +4.1% growth in international passenger traffic, which translates to just over 10 million passenger boardings. Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) grew by the same rate and coupled with a slower expansion of capacity, +2.5%, passenger load factor improved by 1.1 percentage points to 73.8%.

International freight traffic grew at a faster pace than passenger traffic, at +5.3% growth in terms of freight tonnes kilometres (FTKs). Capacity expanded modestly, at +2.6%, resulting in a favourable 1.7 percentage points improvement to the freight load factor, at 66.9%.

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

"The combined results for January and February indicate a solid start to the year, with 4.9% growth in the number of international passengers being carried by AAPA airlines. Air cargo traffic is showing similar strength, with +5.3% growth. Given a stable macroeconomic picture, and barring any unforeseen shocks, the outlook for the Asia Pacific aviation industry remains positive."

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

FEBRUARY 2006

	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	10,166	9,770	+ 4.1 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	41,431,290	39,805,352	+ 4.1 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	56,110,248	54,743,503	+ 2.5 %
Passenger Load Factor	73.8 %	72.7 %	+ 1.1 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	3,806,860	3,614,835	+ 5.3 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	5,691,851	5,547,854	+ 2.6 %
Freight Load Factor	66.9 %	65.2 %	+ 1.7 pp

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2006

	Jan-Feb 2006	Jan-Feb 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	21,246	20,262	+ 4.9 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	88,483,486	84,653,904	+ 4.5 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	118,702,145	115,851,526	+ 2.5 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.5 %	73.0 %	+ 1.5 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	7,819,947	7,427,552	+ 5.3 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	12,101,384	11,690,785	+ 3.5 %
Freight Load Factor	64.6 %	63.5 %	+ 1.1 pp

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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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