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AAPA March 2007 Traffic Results

AAPA member airlines carried a total of 11.9 million international passengers in March 2007, an increase of 4.2% over the corresponding period last year. International passenger traffic in RPK terms grew by 3.8% year-on-year, while the passenger load factor improved by 3.3 percentage points to 77.3% on a slight capacity reduction of 0.5%.

International freight traffic declined by 3.8% in FTK terms. The cargo load factor fell 3.5 points to 66.0%, with capacity up by 1.3% compared to the same month last year.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General said: "In the first three months of the year, AAPA member airlines carried just under 35 million international passengers, representing a healthy 4.7% growth over the same period last year. International passenger traffic in RPK terms grew by 4.1%, reflecting the relative strength of regional Asia Pacific travel demand. The outlook for the passenger business for the rest of this year remains broadly positive. On the other hand, air cargo demand has been quite soft, with freight traffic for the first quarter recording only marginal growth of 0.4%.

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Freight rates are under pressure as a result of new capacity currently exceeding the growth in demand, with conditions in the air cargo sector not expected to improve until mid-year at the earliest.”

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International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Mar 2007	Mar 2006	% Change	Jan-Mar 2007	Jan-Mar 2006	% Change
Passengers (000)	11,913	11,436	+4.2%	34,950	33,392	+4.7%
RPK (mn.)	49,466	47,642	+3.8%	145,959	140,173	+4.1%
ASK (mn.)	64,029	64,380	-0.5%	189,611	187,408	+1.2%
Passenger Load Factor	77.3%	74.0%	+3.3 pp	77.0%	74.8%	+2.2 pp
FTK (mn.)	4,722	4,906	-3.8%	12,903	12,856	+0.4%
FATK (mn.)	7,155	7,062	+1.3%	20,202	19,371	+4.3%
Freight Load Factor	66.0%	69.5%	-3.5 pp	63.9%	66.4%	-2.5 pp

- RPK = revenue passenger kilometres
- ASK = available seat kilometres
- FTK = freight tonne kilometres
- FATK = available freight tonne kilometres
- All figures, including estimates for missing data, are provisional

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Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

The AAPA is the trade association of 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, the 17 AAPA member airlines carry 285 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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