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AAPA March 2006 Traffic Results

Preliminary traffic results for March 2006 show that member airlines of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) carried more than 11 million international passengers during the month, a growth of +3.7%. Traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms rose +4.1% and, coupled with a slower 2.3% expansion of capacity, the passenger load factor improved by 1.3 percentage points to 74.4%.

Freight traffic recorded strong growth in March, up +7.6% in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) terms. Capacity increased by +4.4%, resulting in a 2.1 percentage point improvement in the freight load factor, to 69.4%.

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

"The first three months of 2006 have seen further solid traffic growth, with international passenger numbers up 4.7% year to date, and air cargo recording growth of 6.1% for the same period. These figures reflect generally positive macro-economic conditions. However, airlines remain very concerned about the impact of high oil prices which are inevitably putting further pressure on margins, only partially recovered by increases in fuel surcharges and other fare adjustments."

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

March 2006

	March 2006	March 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	11,062	10,666	+ 3.7 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	45,604,897	43,814,147	+ 4.1 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	61,319,649	59,942,965	+ 2.3 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.4 %	73.1 %	+ 1.3 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,853,795	4,508,999	+ 7.6 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,991,852	6,698,769	+ 4.4 %
Freight Load Factor	69.4 %	67.3 %	+ 2.1 pp

JANUARY-MARCH 2006

	Jan-Mar 2006	Jan-Mar 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	32,383	30,928	+ 4.7 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	134,336,875	128,468,051	+ 4.6 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	179,884,135	175,794,491	+ 2.3 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.7 %	73.1 %	+ 1.6 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	12,659,801	11,936,551	+ 6.1 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	19,075,098	18,389,554	+ 3.7 %
Freight Load Factor	66.4 %	64.9 %	+ 1.5 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.aapaairlines.org.

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