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### **AAPA May 2006 Traffic Results**

The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) members carried 10.5 million international passengers in May, representing traffic growth of 4.0% in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms. Capacity grew marginally by 1%, resulting in a 2.1 percentage point improvement in load factor to 71.2%.

AAPA international cargo traffic in May recorded growth of 3.4%, measured in freight tonne kilometres (FTK). Capacity rose 3.3%, with the freight load factor unchanged compared with the same period last year, at 65.1%.

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

"Traffic growth moderated slightly in May but the underlying trend remains fairly stable. For the first five months of 2006, we have seen a 5% increase in the number of international passengers carried. Cargo traffic is also up 5% on the same period last year."

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## TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

### May 2006

	May 2006	May 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	10,537	10,135	+ 4.0 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	43,624,002	41,953,067	+ 4.0 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	61,240,941	60,694,012	+ 0.9 %
Passenger Load Factor	71.2 %	69.1 %	+ 2.1 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,277,568	4,136,743	+ 3.4 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,572,051	6,364,603	+ 3.3 %
Freight Load Factor	65.1 %	65.0 %	+ 0.1 pp

### JANUARY-MAY 2006

	Jan-May 2006	Jan-May 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	53,888	51,314	+ 5.0 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	222,906,794	212,319,658	+ 5.0 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	301,271,739	295,113,268	+ 2.1 %
Passenger Load Factor	74.0 %	71.9 %	+ 2.1 pp
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	21,388,130	20,325,310	+ 5.2 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	32,195,911	31,171,292	+ 3.3 %
Freight Load Factor	66.4 %	65.2 %	+ 1.2 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.aapairlines.org](http://www.aapairlines.org).

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