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The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines today released preliminary traffic results for the month of February 2005. Boosted by the Lunar New Year holiday, the number of international passengers carried by AAPA member airlines rose by 9.7% – despite the adverse impact of the Tsunami disaster, which affected travel to Thailand in particular. Passenger traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) terms rose by 6.4% on a capacity increase of 4.0%. Consequently, passenger load factor increased by 1.7 percentage points to 73.1%.

International freight traffic in February, dampened by the holiday period, was down 4.2% in terms of freight tonne-kilometres (FTKs). Capacity posted a marginal increase of 0.8%, resulting in a 3.4-percentage point decline in load factor, to 65.2%

Year-to-date passenger numbers and RPKs rose 5.5% and 4.5%, respectively. Capacity, increasing by 4.5%, kept pace with RPK growth, resulting in an unchanged load factor of 73.7% compared to the same period last year. Freight traffic for the first two months of 2005 was up 3.6% in FTK terms. The comparison of year-to-date figures provides a fairer view on traffic trends by adjusting for the distortion caused by the different timing of the Lunar New Year holidays.

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

“Travel demand is holding up well; AAPA member airlines carried 19.6 million passengers in the first two months of the year, up 5.5% on the same period last year. Prospects for 2005 remain positive, but the impact of high oil prices remains a concern.”

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TRAFFIC UPDATE - PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

FEBRUARY 2005

	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	9,494	8,652	9.7 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	39,530,989	37,141,876	6.4 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	54,056,582	51,996,488	4.0 %
Passenger Load Factor	73.1 %	71.4 %	1.7 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	3,504,321	3,656,187	- 4.2 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	5,371,082	5,329,892	0.8 %
Freight Load Factor	65.2 %	68.6 %	- 3.4 points

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2005

	Jan-Feb 2005	Jan-Feb 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	19,617	18,598	5.5 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	84,187,613	80,582,949	4.5 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	114,201,588	109,292,722	4.5 %
Passenger Load Factor	73.7 %	73.7 %	-
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	7,169,722	6,923,492	3.6 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	11,297,381	10,715,624	5.4 %
Freight Load Factor	63.5 %	64.6 %	- 1.1 points

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. For more information about the AAPA, please visit www.AAPAAirlines.org.

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