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A **AAPA MARCH 2005 TRAFFIC RESULTS**

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The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) today released preliminary traffic results for the month of March. The number of international passengers carried grew by 13.4% in March. Traffic measured in terms of revenue passenger kilometers (RPKs) increased by 11.3% on a capacity increase of 7.5%. Consequently, the passenger load factor rose by 2.5 percentage points to 72.8%.

International freight traffic, measured in freight tonne kilometers (FTKs), posted a 3.5% increase in March. Capacity, up 8.4%, expanded at a faster pace resulting in a decline of 3.2 percentage points in cargo load factor to 67.5%. Year to date, international freight traffic has recorded a growth of 3.3% but the cargo load factor was 1.8 percentage points lower at 65.0%.

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

“ Encouragingly, the number of international passengers carried by AAPA member airlines in the first three months of the year grew by 7%, indicating the continuing strength of travel demand. However, concerns persist regarding the ongoing impact of high oil prices on the global economy.”

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TRAFFIC UPDATE - PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

MARCH 2005

	March 2005	March 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	10,680	9,417	13.4 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	43,768,918	39,308,057	11.3 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	60,099,874	55,889,846	7.5 %
Passenger Load Factor	72.8 %	70.3%	2.5 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,439,607	4,289,128	3.5 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,576,027	6,068,690	8.4 %
Freight Load Factor	67.5 %	70.7 %	- 3.2 points

JANUARY-MARCH 2005

	Jan-Mar 2005	Jan-Mar 2004	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	30,634	28,628	7.0 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	128,464,308	120,631,981	6.5 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	175,019,118	166,468,640	5.1 %
Passenger Load Factor	73.4 %	72.5%	0.9 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	11,711,257	11,332,786	3.3 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	18,015,341	16,954,827	6.3 %
Freight Load Factor	65.0 %	66.8 %	- 1.8 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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