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AAPA Calendar Year 2006 and December 2006 Traffic Results

The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines released preliminary traffic results for 2006, with a total of 134 million international passengers carried during the year, up 4.5%. Traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms rose 3.9%, while the passenger load factor reached a new high of 75.6%, up from 73.4% in 2005.

International freight traffic, expressed in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), grew by 5.2% in 2006. Capacity increased by 4.4%, pushing the freight load factor to 66.9% for the year.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General noted that: "AAPA member airlines continued to set new records in 2006, carrying a total of 134 million international passengers for the year, representing 4.5% growth. Careful capacity management was rewarded with the average load factor increasing to a new high of 75.6%."

He added: "International freight traffic also recorded solid growth, up 5.2% from the previous year, reflecting robust regional and international trade flows."

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Looking ahead, Mr Herdman said: “The outlook for 2007 remains positive, with strong regional economic growth underpinning travel demand. More cautiously, although lower oil prices may provide some relief, airline profit margins remain under pressure and point to the need for continuous improvements in productivity and operating efficiency throughout the value chain.”

Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

The AAPA is the trade association of 17 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, AAPA member airlines carry 270 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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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY
International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

DECEMBER 2006

	Dec 2006	Dec 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	11,836	11,001	+ 7.6 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	48,510,418	45,782,023	+ 6.0 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	63,008,444	61,920,871	+ 1.8 %
Passenger Load Factor	77.0 %	73.9 %	+ 3.1 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,851,279	4,558,022	+ 6.4 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	7,229,210	6,683,006	+ 8.2 %
Freight Load Factor	67.1 %	68.2 %	- 1.1 points

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2006

	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	133,771	128,033	+ 4.5 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	551,743,682	531,052,164	+ 3.9 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	730,130,799	723,386,103	+ 0.9 %
Passenger Load Factor	75.6 %	73.4 %	+ 2.2 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	54,175,443	51,499,871	+ 5.2 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	80,986,619	77,609,694	+ 4.4 %
Freight Load Factor	66.9 %	66.4 %	+ 0.5 points

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