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AAPA September 2006 Traffic Results

Preliminary traffic results released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines indicate that member airlines carried 10.78 million international passengers in September 2006, an increase of 1.7% on the same period last year. Traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms rose 0.8% which, together with a slight reduction in capacity, led to a 1.2 percentage point improvement in the passenger load factor, to 75.0%.

Demand for freight transportation remains strong, with international freight traffic, expressed in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), growing by 6.2% in September. Capacity increased by 3.9%, leading to a 1.4 percentage point improvement in load factor, to 68.3%.

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

"For the first nine months of the year, AAPA's international passenger numbers are up 3.9% on the same period last year, but there is clear evidence of a slowdown in the third quarter. More positively, air cargo demand remains strong, with freight traffic recording 5.1% growth, year to date, in FTK terms. Overall, the outlook for the global economy remains positive, with oil prices having fallen back from their recent peak."

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY
International Schedule Services of AAPA Member Airlines

SEPTEMBER 2006

	Sep 2006	Sep 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	10,777	10,594	+ 1.7 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	44,673,836	44,333,729	+ 0.8 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	59,557,459	60,045,057	- 0.8 %
Passenger Load Factor	75.0 %	73.8 %	+ 1.2 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	4,693,953	4,421,176	+ 6.2 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	6,872,594	6,612,908	+ 3.9 %
Freight Load Factor	68.3 %	66.9 %	+ 1.4 points

JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2006

	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2005	% Change
Passengers Carried (000)	99,328	95,587	+ 3.9 %
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (000)	441,770,088	397,279,732	+ 3.6 %
Available Seat Kilometres (000)	545,715,983	540,392,296	+ 1.0 %
Passenger Load Factor	75.5 %	73.5 %	+ 2.0 points
Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	39,490,127	37,581,426	+ 5.1 %
Avail. Freight Tonne Kilometres (000)	59,266,693	57,352,958	+ 3.3 %
Freight Load Factor	66.6 %	65.5 %	+ 1.1 points

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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