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AAPA Calendar Year 2007 and December 2007 Traffic Results

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary figures for 2007 released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines showed that international passenger and cargo traffic of AAPA members continued its positive upward trend. In 2007, the number of international passengers carried by AAPA member airlines rose 4.6% to 145 million, while traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms was up by 4.8%, an improvement from the 4.0% growth seen in 2006. The passenger load factor rose to a record high of 77.3%, surpassing the 2006 mark of 75.5%.

International freight traffic, expressed in freight tonne kilometres (FTKs), grew by just 3.1% in 2007, significantly lower than the 5.0% rate seen in 2006. The average cargo load factor fell slightly to 66.7%.

Commenting on the full-year results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General said, "In 2007, AAPA member airlines carried a total of 145 million international passengers, representing a new record, and growth of 4.6% on the previous year. Despite the burden of high oil prices and other cost pressures, the regional economies maintained their recent trend of strong growth, supporting further development of both business and leisure traffic. The volume of international air cargo carried by AAPA member airlines in 2007 also set a new record, although the growth rate, in FTK terms, was a more modest 3.1%."

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Mr. Herdman added: “Looking to the future, Asia Pacific airlines already carry a quarter of global passenger traffic, and are well placed to expand their global influence in the years ahead. Shorter term, prospects for the Asia Pacific region in 2008 are expected to remain broadly positive, but are somewhat overshadowed by the potential impact of recent turmoil in the financial markets, and related tightening of credit conditions.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	% Change	Jan-Dec 2007	Jan-Dec 2006	% Change
Passengers (000)	12,858	12,249	+ 5.0 %	144,574	138,218	+ 4.6 %
RPK (mn.)	53,940	51,248	+ 5.3 %	603,805	576,159	+ 4.8 %
ASK (mn.)	68,484	66,389	+ 3.2 %	780,871	762,744	+ 2.4 %
Passenger Load Factor	78.8%	77.2 %	+ 1.6 pp	77.3%	75.5%	+ 1.8 pp
FTK (mn.)	5,053	4,882	+ 3.5 %	56,563	54,884	+ 3.1 %
FATK (mn.)	7,381	7,245	+ 1.9%	84,796	81,999	+ 3.4 %
Freight Load Factor	68.5%	67.4%	+ 1.1 pp	66.7%	66.9%	- 0.2 pp

- RPK = revenue passenger kilometres
- ASK = available seat kilometres
- FTK = freight tonne kilometres
- FATK = available freight tonne kilometres
- All figures, including estimates for missing data, are provisional

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Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

The AAPA is the trade association of major 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, the 17 AAPA member airlines carry 285 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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