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### AAPA January 2008 Traffic Results

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Preliminary figures for released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines showed that international passenger numbers carried by AAPA members in January 2008 grew by +5.8% to 12.6 million. Traffic in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms was up by 6.0% on capacity growth of 3.9%, resulting in a 1.5 percentage point improvement in passenger load factor, to 79.1%.

International freight traffic, expressed in freight tonne kilometres (FTKs), grew by 5.5% in January 2008. The average cargo load factor rose 2.8 percentage points to 64.4%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General said, "2008 started on a positive note with continued steady growth in both international passenger and air cargo traffic. There is some uncertainty about the potential impact of slower economic growth, but for now we remain cautiously optimistic about the traffic outlook for Asian carriers in 2008."

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## TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	% Change
Passengers (000)	12,557	11,866	+ 5.8 %
RPK (mn.)	54,127	51,076	+ 6.0 %
ASK (mn.)	68,445	65,861	+ 3.9 %
Passenger Load Factor	79.1%	77.6 %	+ 1.5 pp
FTK (mn.)	4,361	4,133	+ 5.5 %
FATK (mn.)	6,776	6,712	+ 1.0%
Freight Load Factor	64.4%	61.6%	+ 2.8 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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