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### AAPA April 2008 Traffic Results

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – AAPA member airlines carried a total of 11.9 million international passengers in April, representing 2.2% growth on the same month in 2007. In RPK terms, growth in international passenger traffic was similarly modest, registering a year-on-year increase of 2.6%. The growth in demand failed to keep pace with the 3.7% growth in capacity, leading to a 0.8 percentage point decline in the average passenger load factor, to 75.2%.

Demand for airfreight also remained subdued in April, with AAPA international freight traffic growing by 2.1% in FTK terms. However, the average cargo load factor for the month gained 1.6 percentage points to 67.2%, on a 0.3% reduction in offered capacity.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA's Director General said, "For the first four months of the year, AAPA member airlines carried 48.5 million international passengers, representing 3.5% growth compared to the same period last year. The growth in air cargo demand has been even more modest, only 2.5% higher for the same period."

Mr. Herdman added, "Airlines around the world are struggling to cope with the impact of runaway oil prices, amidst signs of weakening demand growth, for both business and leisure traffic. Sharply higher fuel costs are inevitably driving up the cost of travel. Meanwhile, airlines are looking to cut back poorly performing routes, whilst maximising their utilisation of more fuel-efficient aircraft. Nevertheless, after the doubling of oil prices over the past year, there is no sign of any respite from the current challenges."

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## TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

### International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	% Change	Jan-Apr 2008	Jan-Apr 2007	% Change
Passengers (000)	11,905	11,653	+ 2.2 %	48,487	46,866	+ 3.5 %
RPK (mn.)	49,286	48,042	+ 2.6 %	203,157	195,864	+ 3.7 %
ASK (mn.)	65,570	63,202	+ 3.7 %	263,673	254,088	+ 3.8 %
Passenger Load Factor	75.2 %	76.0 %	- 0.8 pp	77.1 %	77.1 %	+ 0.0 pp
FTK (mn.)	4,646	4,552	+ 2.1 %	18,050	17,617	+ 2.5 %
FATK (mn.)	6,916	6,937	- 0.3 %	27,154	27,140	+ 0.1 %
Freight Load Factor	67.2 %	65.6 %	+ 1.6 pp	66.5 %	64.9 %	+ 1.6 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 290 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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