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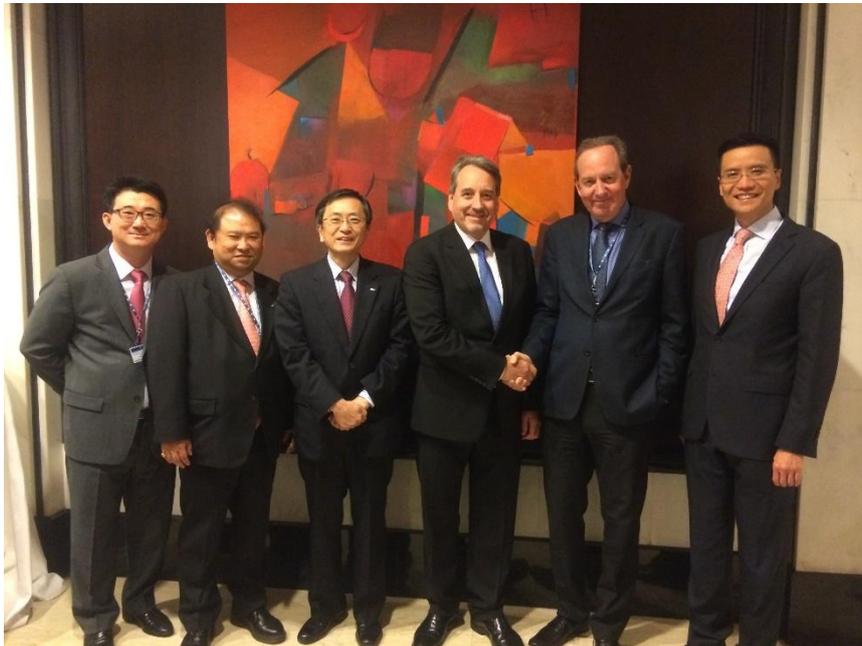
### **AAPA Welcomes Air Astana as Member**

**Doha, Qatar** –The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has announced that Air Astana has been inducted as a full member of the Association.

Commenting at the IATA Annual General Meeting in Doha, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “We are very pleased to welcome Air Astana as a full member of AAPA. As a dynamic and growing carrier, we welcome Air Astana’s commitment and support in working together with other carriers in the region for the collective benefit of the industry. AAPA will continue to articulate Asia Pacific perspectives on global aviation policy issues, to promote the successful development of the industry.”

Mr. Peter Foster, President of Air Astana said, “We are delighted to become a full member of AAPA. AAPA has established itself internationally as a well-respected and authoritative voice of Asia Pacific carriers. Indeed, the Association is doing an excellent job in engaging with government and other stakeholders on a number of issues important to Asian airlines, including market access, safety, security and environment. This momentous occasion marks another milestone in Air Astana’s development, and we look forward to contributing meaningfully to the work of AAPA to strengthen the collective standing of Asia Pacific aviation internationally.”

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**AAPA welcomes new member Air Astana**

Standing left to right: Mr Il Nam Jin, Asiana Vice President International & Regulatory Affairs, Alliances; Capt. Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth, Bangkok Airways President ; Mr Osamu Shinobe, All Nippon Airways President & CEO; Mr Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General; Mr Peter Foster, Air Astana President; Mr Ivan Chu, Cathay Pacific Airways CEO

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**Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)**

The AAPA is the trade association for 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 region's airlines carry 948 million passengers and 18 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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