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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results – April 2010

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) indicate that both passenger and air cargo markets continued to show further improvement in April despite a week of disruptions to traffic in and out of Europe as a result of the Icelandic volcanic eruption. A total of 15.2 million international passengers were transported by Asia Pacific-based airlines in April, 11.7% more than in the same month last year. International passenger traffic, in revenue passenger kilometre (RPK) terms, grew by 8.9%. With available seat capacity posting a modest rise of 1.2%, the average international passenger load factor increased by 5.6 percentage points to 78.4%.

Air cargo demand remained strong, maintaining the positive trend of recent months, with 32.1% growth in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) in April, compared to the very weak market conditions last year. Even with a 13.2% expansion in freight capacity, the average international cargo load factor for Asia Pacific carriers increased by 10.3 percentage points to reach 71.9%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “Notwithstanding the recent impact of disruptions to European air services, Asia Pacific carriers have recorded positive growth in both passenger and freight demand in April. For the first four months of 2010, international passenger traffic for Asia Pacific carriers achieved 11% growth compared with the same period last year, reflecting the robust recovery in business and consumer confidence across the region.”

Mr Herdman continued, “The 34% growth we have seen in international air cargo traffic for the first four months of 2010 provides further confirmation of the strength of the global economic recovery currently underway, particularly here in Asia.”

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Mr Herdman concluded, "Overall, traffic demand is now back to the levels seen before the recession. The outlook for the coming months remains broadly positive, supported by Asia's buoyant economic growth, although concerns remain over regional imbalances, as well as oil and currency volatility."

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International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Apr-10	Apr-09	% Change	Jan-Apr 2010	Jan-Apr 2009	% Change
Passengers (000)	15,230	13,630	+ 11.7%	60,040	53,223	+ 12.8%
RPK (mn.)	56,475	51,836	+ 8.9%	228,221	205,836	+ 10.9%
ASK (mn.)	72,041	71,156	+ 1.2%	287,932	285,353	+ 0.9%
Passenger Load Factor	78.4%	72.8%	+ 5.6 pp	79.3%	72.1%	+ 7.2 pp
FTK (mn.)	5,237	3,964	+ 32.1%	20,003	14,913	+ 34.1%
FATK (mn.)	7,280	6,433	+ 13.2%	28,250	25,319	+ 11.6%
Freight Load Factor	71.9%	61.6%	+ 10.3 pp	70.8%	58.9%	+ 11.9 pp

- Aggregated traffic data for 23 Asia Pacific based carriers
- Previous year data adjusted for comparison purposes
- 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 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 520 million passengers and 15 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-quarter 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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