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AAPA May 2009 Traffic Results

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed that its member airlines carried a total of 10.1 million international passengers in May, 14.8% fewer than in the same month last year. International passenger traffic measured in RPK terms also fell by 15% year-on-year. With overall seat capacity being reduced by only 7.3%, the average AAPA passenger load factor tumbled six percentage points to 66.5%, the lowest seen so far this year.

AAPA international freight traffic measured in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) saw a year-on-year decline of 18.6% for the month of May. With cargo capacity being cut by 16% the AAPA average international cargo load factor was 64.8%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “The operating environment remains extremely challenging. For the first five months of the year, AAPA international passenger numbers were 10.5% lower than in the same period last year, but the 14.8% decline recorded in the month of May undermines any optimism that a recovery is already underway. We’re still seeing a deterioration in market conditions.”

Mr. Herdman added, “Anxieties over the spread of swine flu certainly aren’t helping. Despite clear advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) against the imposition of border controls or travel restrictions, we have seen a number of governments, particularly here in the Asia Pacific region, introducing such measures, in the mistaken belief that the spread of the virus can be contained.”

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“The unfortunate result is that the travelling public is being subjected to unnecessary inconvenience. Uncertainties over the consequences of such government initiatives are imposing a cost on society which may well exceed any public health benefit. We urge governments to carefully review their actions, and to take full account of the wider economic and social impacts, before imposing further restrictions on the movement of people around the world.”

Turning to the air freight sector, Mr. Herdman noted, “The air cargo business remains severely depressed following the slump in international trade, but does appear to have stabilised. AAPA international air cargo traffic in May was down 18.6%, a slight improvement on the average decline of 23.2% seen during the first five months compared to the same period last year.”

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International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	May 2009	May 2008	% Change	Jan-May 2009	Jan-May 2008	% Change
Passengers (000)	10,076	11,824	- 14.8 %	53,907	60,241	- 10.5 %
RPK (mn.)	41,625	48,965	- 15.0 %	222,141	251,777	- 11.8 %
ASK (mn.)	62,600	67,535	- 7.3 %	311,486	331,846	- 6.1 %
Passenger Load Factor	66.5%	72.5%	- 6.0 pp	71.3%	75.9%	- 4.6 pp
FTK (mn.)	3,727	4,578	- 18.6 %	17,416	22,687	- 23.2 %
FATK (mn.)	5,751	6,846	- 16.0 %	28,480	34,038	- 16.3 %
Freight Load Factor	64.8%	66.9%	- 2.1 pp	61.2%	66.7%	- 5.5 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

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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