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### AAPA June 2008 Traffic Results

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – AAPA member airlines carried 12.0 million international passengers in June, up 1.4% year-on-year. In RPK terms, international passenger traffic grew by 2.5%. The average international passenger load factor fell by one percentage point, to 77.3%, on faster capacity growth of 3.9%.

AAPA international freight traffic, expressed in FTKs, declined 4.0% in June, matched by a 5.0% reduction in capacity. As a result, the cargo load factor rose slightly to 68.0%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “For the first six months of the year, AAPA international passenger traffic registered growth of 3.6% in RPK terms, but there are clear signs of a general slowdown. Meanwhile, we’ve seen hardly any growth in the air cargo market, which weakened further in June, suggesting even more difficult times lie ahead.”

Mr. Herdman added, “There are worrying indications that the global economy may be reaching a tipping point. Astronomical fuel prices are inevitably pushing up the cost of travel. Throughout the airline industry, the oil price shock has precipitated another major crisis, forcing tough decisions to cut routes and urgently review staffing levels in anticipation of slower growth or declining demand. We call upon our industry partners and governments to work together with us to address these challenges, through collective actions to increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary costs.”

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## TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Jun 2008	Jun 2007	% Change	Jan-Jun 2008	Jan-Jun 2007	% Change
Passengers (000)	12,001	11,839	+ 1.4 %	72,212	70,025	+ 3.1 %
RPK (mn.)	51,160	49,917	+ 2.5 %	303,100	292,593	+ 3.6 %
ASK (mn.)	66,214	63,736	+ 3.9 %	397,114	382,620	+ 3.8 %
Passenger Load Factor	77.3 %	78.3 %	- 1.0 pp	76.3 %	76.5 %	- 0.2 pp
FTK (mn.)	4,530	4,718	- 4.0 %	27,132	26,880	+ 0.9 %
FATK (mn.)	6,665	7,018	- 5.0 %	40,592	41,115	- 1.3 %
Freight Load Factor	68.0 %	67.2 %	+ 0.8 pp	66.8 %	65.4 %	+ 1.4 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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