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### AAPA August 2008 Traffic Results

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Members of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) carried 12.3 million international passengers in August, 3.7% fewer than in the same month last year, while traffic measured in RPK terms fell by 1.2%. Overall capacity grew by 2.4%, resulting in a 2.8 percentage point deterioration in the average international passenger load factor, to 76.7%.

AAPA international air cargo traffic in August fell 6.0% in FTK terms. However, the average cargo load factor rose to 66.2%, from 65.5% a year earlier, on a 7.1% reduction in flown cargo capacity.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "For the first eight months of the year, AAPA international passenger traffic, in RPK terms, grew by just 2.5%, well below the 4.2% growth seen for the whole of 2007. So far this year, AAPA international air cargo traffic, in FTK terms, was 0.6% lower than last year, with demand falling sharply during the summer months. Air cargo traffic for June, July and August showed a 5.3% decline compared to the same period last year."

He added: "The combination of high oil prices and a slowing global economy represent an enormous challenge to airlines around the world. Some will not survive the current crisis. The recent fall in the price of oil from record highs has provided a measure of relief, but let's not forget that today's crude oil prices are still 40% above the average of \$73 a barrel last year, and remain extremely volatile."

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“Recent turmoil in the financial markets only adds to the uncertainty about the global economic outlook. Accordingly, we remain cautious about industry prospects for the rest of this year and 2009. Nevertheless, Asian airlines are better placed than many others to cope with current difficulties, and are still investing to take advantage of future growth opportunities,” he concluded.

## TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

### International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	% Change	Jan-Aug 2008	Jan-Aug 2007	% Change
Passengers (000)	12,326	12,803	- 3.7 %	97,046	95,503	+ 1.6 %
RPK (mn.)	52,347	53,006	- 1.2 %	408,552	398,772	+ 2.5 %
ASK (mn.)	68,281	66,656	+ 2.4 %	534,508	516,025	+ 3.6 %
Passenger Load Factor	76.7 %	79.5 %	- 2.8 pp	76.4 %	77.3 %	- 0.9 pp
FTK (mn.)	4,438	4,723	- 6.0 %	36,140	36,361	- 0.6 %
FATK (mn.)	6,703	7,215	- 7.1 %	54,090	55,507	- 2.6 %
Freight Load Factor	66.2 %	65.5 %	+ 0.7 pp	66.8 %	65.5 %	+ 1.3 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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