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AAPA August 2009 Traffic Results

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) reported that AAPA member airlines carried a total of 11.9 million international passengers in August, 2.9% fewer than in the same month last year. International passenger traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) terms was 5% down on the same month last year, indicating continuing weaker demand for long haul travel. With passenger seating capacity having been reduced by 6.7%, the average international passenger load factor rose 1.5 percentage points to 77.9% for the month.

Air cargo traffic volumes are slowly recovering but remain weak. For the month of August, AAPA international cargo traffic in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) terms was 12.2% lower than the same month last year. Matched by a 12.9% reduction in cargo capacity, the average international cargo load factor was 66.9% for the month.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "For the first eight months of the year, AAPA international passenger numbers were 10% down on the same period last year, while AAPA international cargo traffic was almost 20% lower. The airline industry remains in critical condition, despite some signs of a modest recovery in traffic volumes in recent months. Airline revenues have been further undermined by the need to aggressively discount fares to stimulate demand in a shrinking market. Even with the benefit of capacity cutbacks and other cost reduction efforts, airlines are still suffering heavy losses, and are focused on survival. Along with manufacturers and other service providers in the value chain, we need to work together to weather the crisis, and ensure that the industry continues to meet the needs of the travelling public for safe, secure and affordable air travel, whilst positioning for recovery."

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TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	% Change	Jan-Aug 2009	Jan-Aug 2008	% Change
Passengers (000)	11,864	12,213	- 2.9 %	87,176	96,799	- 9.9 %
RPK (mn.)	49,300	51,877	- 5.0 %	362,615	407,120	- 10.9 %
ASK (mn.)	63,315	67,868	- 6.7 %	496,460	533,649	- 7.0 %
Passenger Load Factor	77.9%	76.4%	1.5 pp	73.0%	76.3%	- 3.3 pp
FTK (mn.)	3,873	4,412	- 12.2 %	29,000	36,079	- 19.6 %
FATK (mn.)	5,790	6,651	- 12.9 %	45,536	54,025	- 15.7 %
Freight Load Factor	66.9%	66.3%	+ 0.6 pp	63.7%	66.8%	- 3.1 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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