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AAPA November 2009 Traffic Results

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) provided further evidence of a modest recovery in air traffic demand. A total of 11.1 million international passengers were carried by AAPA member airlines in November, 4.5% more than in the same month last year. International passenger traffic, measured in revenue passenger kilometre (RPK) terms, grew 3.5%. With available seat capacity having been cut by 3.1%, the average AAPA international passenger load factor for the month reached 76.3%, 4.9 percentage points up on the same month last year.

AAPA international air cargo demand, measured in freight tonne kilometre terms (FTK), registered growth of 12.0% compared to the depressed levels of a year ago, and marking a continuation of the slow but steady recovery witnessed in 2009. The AAPA average international air cargo load factor was 8.2 percentage points higher at 71.1% for the month.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “After a difficult year, in which AAPA international passenger traffic has fallen 8%, and international air cargo traffic registered a 14% decline, the November traffic figures are mildly encouraging, in line with the broader economic recovery underway being led by the Asia Pacific region.”

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However, Mr Herdman cautioned: "In absolute terms, demand remains well below pre-recession levels. In addition, the aviation industry is still wrestling with the problem of low yields and continuing oil price volatility, so a recovery in airline profitability is still some way off. Overall, market conditions remain extremely challenging."

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International Scheduled Services of AAPA Member Airlines

International	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	% Change	Jan-Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	% Change
Passengers (000)	11,128	10,649	+ 4.5%	120,729	129,727	- 6.9%
RPK (mn.)	45,563	44,040	+ 3.5%	502,670	544,537	- 7.7%
ASK (mn.)	59,726	61,645	- 3.1%	677,265	724,028	- 6.5%
Passenger Load Factor	76.3%	71.4%	+ 4.9pp	74.2%	75.2%	- 1.0pp
FTK (mn.)	4,668	4,169	+ 12.0%	42,353	49,059	- 13.7%
FATK (mn.)	6,569	6,627	- 0.9%	64,405	74,190	- 13.2%
Freight Load Factor	71.1%	62.9%	+ 8.2pp	65.8%	66.1%	- 0.3pp

- 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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