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AAPA APPLAUDS ASEAN + 3 RESOLUTION ON SARS

In a statement issued today, Richard Stirland, the Director General of the Association Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) welcomed and applauded the outcome of the meeting held by ASEAN + 3 airport authorities on 15th – 16th May.

“The meeting was exactly what was needed for a concerted effort to establish a common set of effective and practical measures to prevent passengers showing SARS like symptoms from either boarding an aircraft or leaving an airport on arrival in another country,” said Stirland.

The ASEAN + 3 authorities issued a Joint Resolution at the conclusion of their meeting which noted that the aviation industry is one of the sectors most affected by SARS, and one which can and must play a significant role in controlling its spread.

Therefore, the authorities agreed to adopt health declaration cards for all departing and arriving passengers and for temperature screening at both ends of any route which touches SARS affected areas. Most importantly, the ASEAN + 3 authorities jointly resolved that all passengers suspected of having SARS should not be denied entry into the country of arrival, but rather should be provided with appropriate medical treatment in that country.

Royal Brunei Airlines, EVA Airways, China Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, Garuda Indonesia, Japan Airlines, Dragonair, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Air New Zealand, Asiana Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways International, Vietnam Airlines.

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Richard Stirland concluded:

“I am pleased to say that the Commercial Director of the Association attended the meeting of the ASEAN + 3 authorities as an observer, and his presence was a pledge that the AAPA member airlines are ready to work in close collaboration with the airports and the health authorities to overcome this crisis. The outcome is particularly gratifying for the Association, since in our statement of 14th April, we specifically asked governments ‘to adopt a more coordinated, mutually agreed and mutually acceptable policy on the handling of SARS’. We also said ‘they should not adopt arbitrary measures such as refusal to accept suspected cases on arrival’. The ASEAN + 3 Resolution precisely meets the appeals we made a month ago.”

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About the AAPA

The AAPA is a grouping of 17 scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. It is the trade association of the region's airlines, created to represent their interests and to provide a forum for all members to exchange information and views on matters of common concern. For more information about the AAPA, please visit the web site at www.AAPAAirlines.org.

The 17 members comprises Air New Zealand, All Nippon Airways, Asiana Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, Dragonair, EVA Air, Garuda Indonesia, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, Royal Brunei Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways International and Vietnam Airlines.

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