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AAPA HAILS LIFTING OF WHO TRAVEL ADVISORY

Mr. Richard Stirland, the Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) today greeted announcement of the lifting of the WHO travel advisory for Hong Kong and Guangzhou as “fantastic news”.

“This is really wonderful, as it was not anticipated to happen so quickly. Now we can at least contemplate the beginning of a recovery of confidence in travel to these places, and residents will be able to resume overseas travel without the risk of inconvenience or suspicion,” said Richard Stirland.

He continued:

“Regrettably, until the situation in Taiwan improves, we cannot see an all round improvement as the Taiwan route is the single most important one for Hong Kong. We must hope for the best. In the meantime, we will be doing everything possible to help our member airlines capitalise on the opportunities the lifting of this warning presents. There is still a long way to go before the regional airlines are out of the woods.”

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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.AAP Airlines.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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