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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results – February 2016

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary traffic figures for the month of February released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed continued healthy growth in international air passenger demand, whereas air cargo markets remained weak.

The month of February saw the region's airlines carry 23.7 million international passengers, a solid 8.2% increase compared to the same month last year. The growth in leisure travel volumes associated with the Lunar New Year festive period as well as strong long haul passenger demand, translated to a 9.5% surge in traffic in revenue passenger kilometre (RPK) terms. Capacity expansion matched demand growth, with load factors for the month marginally lower at 78.2%.

By contrast, international air cargo demand suffered from the weakness in global trade volumes, as well as the Lunar New Year seasonal slowdown in factory operations in the region. This was reflected in a 12.1% decline in air cargo demand as measured in freight tonne kilometre (FTK) terms for the month. Freight load factors for the region's carriers remained under pressure, with the average international freight load factor registering a 8.6 percentage point decline to 56.8%, after accounting for a 1.3% expansion in offered freight capacity.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "The solid growth trend in passenger volumes seen throughout last year has been maintained, with Asian carriers reporting 9.3% growth in the number of international passengers carried in the first two months of 2016. However, air cargo markets are showing further declines, reflecting the slowdown in global trade and raising some deeper concerns about the future outlook for the wider global economy."

Looking ahead, Mr. Herdman concluded, "The region's carriers remain positive on the outlook for further growth in travel demand in the coming year, but are continuing to focus

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on disciplined cost management efforts, including the effects of low oil prices and currency volatility in an intensely competitive market place.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Feb-16	Feb-15	% Change	Jan-Feb 2016	Jan-Feb 2015	% Change
Passengers (000)	23,732	21,941	+ 8.2%	48,527	44,413	+ 9.3%
RPK (mn.)	83,855	76,547	+ 9.5%	176,073	159,760	+ 10.2%
ASK (mn.)	107,243	97,570	+ 9.9%	222,446	204,900	+ 8.6%
Passenger Load Factor	78.2%	78.5	- 0.3pp	79.2%	78.0%	+ 1.2pp
FTK (mn.)	4,331	4,926	- 12.1 %	9,458	10,084	- 6.2 %
FATK (mn.)	7,626	7,532	+ 1.3 %	16,237	15,904	+ 2.1%
Freight Load Factor	56.8%	65.4	- 8.6pp	58.2%	63.4%	- 5.2pp

Effective September 2014, the dataset comprises aggregated traffic data from the following 31 Asia Pacific based carriers: 5J, 6E, 9W, AI, AK, BI, BR, CA, CI, CX, CZ, GA, JL, JQ, KA, KC, KE, MH, MU, NH, NZ, OZ, PG, PR, SG, SQ, TG, TR, QF, VA and VN.

- Previous year data adjusted for comparison purposes
- 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 for 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 region's airlines carry 1,106 million passengers and 20 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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