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### Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results – April 2016

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Preliminary traffic figures for the month of April released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed a continuation of established trends, with steady growth in international air passenger demand, whereas air cargo markets remained weak.

The month of April saw the region's airlines carry 24.2 million international passengers, a 4.8% increase compared to the same month last year, on the back of continued strong regional demand. In revenue passenger kilometre (RPK) terms, international passenger volumes grew by 6.4%, boosted by an improvement in long-haul travel markets. Capacity expansion of 6.4% matched demand growth, with the average international passenger load factor for the month unchanged at 78.0%.

By contrast, air cargo demand was flat, with volumes in freight tonne kilometre (FTK) terms similar to those registered in the same month last year. Expansion in available freight capacity continued to outpace the growth in demand. As a result, the average freight load factor for the region's carriers fell by 1.7 percentage points to 61.7%, after accounting for a 2.8% expansion in offered freight capacity.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "During the first four months of the year, Asia Pacific airlines saw international passenger numbers increase by a healthy 6.9% to an aggregate total of 97.1 million. Passengers are benefiting from greater value than ever with competitive airfares and ever expanding consumer choice of products and services. However, international air cargo markets are still weak, with year to date demand registering a 4.8% decline compared to the same period a year ago, reflecting the lacklustre global trade conditions."

Looking ahead, Mr. Herdman concluded, "The outlook for air passenger demand is expected to remain positive, even though there are uncertainties regarding the global economic outlook. Accordingly, although the region's airlines are cautiously optimistic

about further growth, they are at the same time continuing to focus attention on disciplined cost management efforts throughout the business.”

### TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

#### *International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines*

| <b>International</b>  | <b>Apr-16</b> | <b>Apr-15</b> | <b>% Change</b> | <b>Jan-Apr 2016</b> | <b>Jan-Apr 2015</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Passengers (000)      | 24,181        | 23,074        | + 4.8%          | 97,095              | 90,814              | + 6.9%          |
| RPK (mn.)             | 85,689        | 80,518        | + 6.4%          | 348,765             | 323,220             | + 7.9%          |
| ASK (mn.)             | 109,833       | 103,267       | + 6.4%          | 444,521             | 413,317             | + 7.5%          |
| Passenger Load Factor | 78.0%         | 78.0%         | + 0.0 pp        | 78.5%               | 78.2%               | + 0.3 pp        |
| FTK (mn.)             | 5,400         | 5,394         | + 0.1%          | 20,398              | 21,425              | - 4.8%          |
| FATK (mn.)            | 8,749         | 8,508         | + 2.8%          | 33,919              | 33,163              | + 2.3%          |
| Freight Load Factor   | 61.7%         | 63.4%         | - 1.7 pp        | 60.1%               | 64.6%               | - 4.5 pp        |

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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