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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results - April 2015

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary traffic figures for the month of April released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed encouraging growth in both international passenger and air cargo markets.

A combined total of 23.0 million international passengers were carried by Asia Pacific airlines in April, a strong 9.6% increase compared to the same month last year, supported by robust leisure travel markets during the Easter holidays. Demand as measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) grew by 8.2%, surpassing the 5.7% expansion in available seat capacity to result in a 1.8 percentage point increase in the average international passenger load factor to 78.1% for the month.

Air cargo markets continued to grow, in spite of April being a seasonally subdued month. In freight tonne kilometre (FTK) terms, demand was 3.7% higher than the same month last year. Offered freight capacity expanded by 4.7%, leading to a slight 0.6 percentage point decline in the average international freight load factor to 63.5% in April.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “The growth in demand for air travel has maintained strong momentum, with the region’s carriers registering a solid 9.4% increase in the number of international passengers carried to a cumulative total of 90.7 million for the first four months of 2015. Correspondingly, air cargo markets recorded a 7.2% increase for the same period, partly boosted by increased demand for air shipments due to the backlog of goods at US seaports.”

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Looking ahead, Mr. Herdman added, “The positive trend in air passenger demand is expected to continue, consistent with improvements in consumer and business confidence and projected growth in the global economy. The outlook for air freight demand in the coming months is more uncertain, given this is a seasonally weaker period, and will depend on the pace of recovery in world trade being maintained.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Apr-15	Apr-14	% Change	Jan-Apr 2015	Jan-Apr 2014	% Change
Passengers (000)	23,014	20,997	+ 9.6%	90,723	82,905	+ 9.4%
RPK (mn.)	80,588	74,490	+ 8.2%	323,343	298,201	+ 8.4%
ASK (mn.)	103,147	97,584	+ 5.7%	413,259	387,884	+ 6.5%
Passenger Load Factor	78.1%	76.3%	+ 1.8 pp	78.2%	76.9%	+ 1.3 pp
FTK (mn.)	5,384	5,191	+ 3.7%	21,388	19,957	+ 7.2%
FATK (mn.)	8,476	8,096	+ 4.7%	33,057	31,277	+ 5.7%
Freight Load Factor	63.5%	64.1%	- 0.6 pp	64.7%	63.8%	+ 0.9 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 1,012 million passengers and 19 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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