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### Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results - June 2015

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Preliminary traffic figures for the month of June released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) confirmed continued growth in international passenger demand, but air cargo markets softened.

In aggregate, the region's airlines carried 21.9 million international passengers in June, 5.9% more than in the same month last year. Overall demand has remained relatively resilient, led by robust leisure travel demand going into the summer holiday season. Measured in revenue passenger kilometre (RPK) terms, international passenger demand increased by 6.6%. Available seat capacity expanded by 6.1%, leading to a 0.3 percentage point increase in the average international passenger load factor to 77.8% for the month.

The recent moderation in air cargo markets extended into the month of June, with demand in freight tonne kilometre (FTK) terms registering a slight 0.5% decline compared to the same month last year. With offered freight capacity increasing by 2.5% for the month, the average international freight load factor fell by 1.9 percentage points to 64.1%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "Overall, the first half of the year saw Asia Pacific airlines carry a combined total of 135.6 million international passengers, a firm 9.3% increase compared to the same period last year. Regional travel markets, notably including travel to Japan, remained generally strong, although the Korean market was affected by the recent MERS outbreak. Long-haul travel demand to and from North America was also encouraging."

Mr. Herdman added, "Air cargo demand grew by 4.8% during the first half of 2015, but the pace of growth has moderated during recent months after the earlier boost in demand due to the US West Coast ports strikes wore off."

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Looking ahead, Mr. Herdman said, “Overall, growth in demand for air passenger travel is expected to remain positive, driven by competitive fares and continued growth in regional economies. The outlook for air cargo markets is more uncertain, with signs of a slowdown in global trade. In general, Asian carriers remain focused on improving profitability, including careful adjustments to route networks in response to changing patterns of demand.”

### TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

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

<b>International</b>	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2015</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers (000)	21,905	20,680	+ 5.9%	135,591	124,038	+ 9.3%
RPK (mn.)	80,960	75,960	+ 6.6%	485,339	447,922	+ 8.4%
ASK (mn.)	104,090	98,060	+ 6.1%	623,724	585,301	+ 6.6%
Passenger Load Factor	77.8%	77.5%	+ 0.3 pp	77.8%	76.5%	+ 1.3 pp
FTK (mn.)	5,348	5,374	- 0.5%	32,121	30,636	+ 4.8%
FATK (mn.)	8,342	8,141	+ 2.5%	49,939	47,598	+ 4.9%
Freight Load Factor	64.1%	66.0%	- 1.9 pp	64.3%	64.4%	- 0.1 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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