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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results - June 2020

International air travel remains grounded; cargo demand also faltering

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary June 2020 traffic figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed that widespread travel restrictions almost completely suppressed international air travel during the second quarter of 2020.

Asian airlines carried just 724,000 international passengers in June, a 98% decline compared to the 31.8 million recorded in the same month last year. After accounting for a 93% decline in available seat capacity, the average passenger load factor was 36.3% for the month.

Air cargo demand, in freight tonne kilometre (FTK) terms, was 20.3% lower year-on-year, as demand for exports continued to falter on the back of economic weakness aggravated by disruptions to global supply chains. Offered freight capacity fell by 27.2% as most passenger aircraft were grounded, resulting in a 5.6 percentage point increase in the average international freight load factor to 64.9% for the month.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Subhas Menon, AAPA Director General said, “Overall, Asia Pacific airlines carried a total of 61 million international passengers during the first half of 2020, representing a 68% fall compared to the same period last year. International travel demand evaporated in the second quarter. Most flights were only operating to repatriate people to their home countries. Meanwhile, air cargo demand declined by 16% during the first half of the year, reflecting the general deterioration in consumer and business confidence.”

Mr. Menon added, “The industry is in a perilous condition. International flights continue to be grounded by border closures and onerous quarantine requirements, even when domestic lockdowns are being eased.”

Looking ahead, Mr. Menon said, “The prospect of a recovery in travel markets during the second half of the year is increasingly uncertain, as governments grapple with a resurgence of local infections, with the re-imposition of community lockdowns and further tightening of travel restrictions. Uncoordinated measures between States, including blanket quarantines by some, are making international air travel extremely difficult even for those wishing to travel. Airlines in the Asia Pacific region are rapidly depleting cash reserves and incurring massive losses. It is critical for governments to recognise the debilitating impact of current policies and work cooperatively to re-establish global connectivity whilst maintaining appropriate measures to safeguard public health in line with guidance published by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Jun-20	Jun-19	% Change	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2019	% Change
Passengers (Thousand)	724	31,818	- 97.7%	61,489	190,565	- 67.7%
RPK (Million)	3,491	116,653	- 97.0%	239,620	691,700	- 65.4%
ASK (Million)	9,622	142,082	- 93.2%	349,797	854,679	- 59.1%
Passenger Load Factor	36.3%	82.1%	- 45.8 pp	68.5%	80.9%	- 12.4 pp
FTK (Million)	4,694	5,887	- 20.3%	28,822	34,415	- 16.3%
FATK (Million)	7,233	9,933	- 27.2%	45,989	58,737	- 21.7%
Freight Load Factor	64.9%	59.3%	+ 5.6 pp	62.7%	58.6%	+ 4.1 pp

Effective January 2020, the dataset comprises aggregated traffic data from the following 40 Asia Pacific based carriers: 3K, 5J, 6E, 7C, 9C, 9W, AI, AK, BI, BR, CA, CI, CK, CX, CZ, D7, GA, HO, HU, IX, JL, JQ, KA, KC, KE, KZ, MH, MU, NH, NZ, OZ, PG, PR, QF, SG, SQ, TG, TR, 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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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 1,623 million passengers and 23 million tonnes of cargo, representing over one-third of global passenger and air cargo traffic, and thus play a leading role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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