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AAPA Welcomes Singapore Initiative to Reopen Air Travel Corridors

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - Responding to the recent announcement by the Singapore Government selectively relaxing restrictions on inbound travellers, the Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines, Mr. Subhas Menon said, "Singapore's unilateral opening of its borders to travellers from Brunei and New Zealand is a very important step in the right direction. Cross border travel has been stalled ever since March 2020 in the Asia Pacific region. The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines applauds the Singapore Government's efforts to restart air travel in a safe yet progressive way. Adopting a testing regime without onerous quarantine requirements sets a standard worth emulating in facilitating air travel and economic recovery in the region. Asia Pacific airlines are committed to working closely with governments across the region to explore further initiatives to reopen international air travel corridors, based on objective risk assessments in conjunction with the relevant public health authorities."

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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 1,623 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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