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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results - July 2020

International passenger travel remains stalled by border closures and travel restrictions

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary July 2020 traffic figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed that international passenger demand has been almost completely suppressed since April 2020, as a result of ongoing border closures and other onerous forms of travel restrictions.

Reflecting the depressed operating conditions, Asia Pacific airlines carried only 844,000 international passengers in July 2020, representing levels of less than 3% of the 33.4 million passengers carried in July 2019. Offered seat capacity was at 8.3% of the levels operated last year, resulting in a low 33.2% average international passenger load factor for the month.

Meanwhile, following a modest recovery in the global manufacturing sector, Asian airlines saw relatively stable demand for international air cargo shipments, although traffic measured in freight tonne kilometre terms (FTK) was still 16% below the levels seen in the same month last year. The average international freight load factor was 10.4 percentage points higher at 69.7% for the month, reflecting the sharp reduction in belly-hold cargo capacity following the grounding of most international passenger service operations.

Commenting on the results, AAPA Director General, Mr. Subhas Menon, said, “International border closures affecting more than 50% of destinations worldwide, and other forms of onerous travel restrictions, continue to cripple international travel. Prospects for a more substantive recovery of the aviation industry are stalled as a result, severely impacting the wider travel and tourism sector.”

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Mr. Menon concluded, “It is critical that governments act urgently to review existing restrictions and prepare for the safe reopening of borders, implementing appropriate risk management protocols in line with ICAO CART recommendations. It is noteworthy that several States and industry bodies are evaluating various COVID-19 testing regimes that could facilitate international air travel without the imposition of blanket quarantine requirements. AAPA remains committed to exploring further pragmatic initiatives with governments and other relevant stakeholders, to progressively reopen international air travel corridors in a safe and secure manner.”

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| International | Jul-20 | Jul-19 | % Change | Jan-Jul 2020 | Jan-Jul 2019 | % Change |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Passengers (Thousand) | 844 | 33,431 | - 97.5% | 62,120 | 223,997 | - 72.3% |
| RPK (Million) | 4,105 | 122,860 | - 96.7% | 243,130 | 814,661 | - 70.2% |
| ASK (Million) | 12,352 | 148,796 | - 91.7% | 362,358 | 1,003,475 | - 63.9% |
| Passenger Load Factor | 33.2% | 82.6% | - 49.4 pp | 67.1% | 81.2% | - 14.1 pp |
| FTK (Million) | 5,041 | 6,002 | - 16.0% | 33,824 | 40,370 | - 16.2% |
| FATK (Million) | 7,234 | 10,129 | - 28.6% | 53,299 | 68,865 | - 22.6% |
| Freight Load Factor | 69.7% | 59.3% | + 10.4 pp | 63.5% | 58.6% | + 4.9 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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