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### **AAPA TO HOLD VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS**

*Travel restrictions prevent industry leaders from meeting in person*

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) announced today that the annual Assembly of Presidents, scheduled to take place in November, will now be conducted virtually due to ongoing travel restrictions in the region.

Commenting on the decision, Mr. Subhas Menon, Director General of AAPA said, “We had very much hoped that we could hold a physical meeting this year, but with international borders still remaining closed across most of Asia, this is regrettably not possible. Hence, together with our host EVA Air, we made the difficult decision to hold the Assembly of Presidents virtually for another year. We thank all stakeholders for their understanding.”

Mr. Menon added, “Prolonged border closures have repercussions far beyond the aviation industry, seriously affecting economic and social wellbeing. We sincerely hope Governments will come together to pave the way for the smooth restoration of international air travel. There is an urgent need for streamlined travel policies and practices, allowing much needed cross-border business and social activity to resume.’

The AAPA Assembly of Presidents this year will be restricted to member airline delegates only. AAPA will hold a separate virtual press conference to brief the media on the outcome of the Assembly.

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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 represent 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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