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Asia Pacific Airlines July 2025 Traffic Results

Air passenger and cargo growth remain steady

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary July 2025 traffic figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed a sustained increase in international passenger demand, fuelled by growth in tourism markets. International air cargo demand remained resilient, buoyed by stronger export activity ahead of the implementation of US tariffs in early August.

The region's airlines registered a 7.7% year-on-year increase in international passengers carried, bringing the monthly total to 33.4 million. Measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK), demand rose by 8.0%, while available seat capacity expanded by a slightly higher 8.6% year-on-year. This resulted in a 0.4 percentage point decline in the average international passenger load factor to 82.0% for the month.

International air cargo demand, as measured in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), recorded a firm 8.6% year-on-year increase in July, despite prevailing weakness in global trade flows. With offered freight capacity up by 6.4%, the average international freight load factor improved by 1.2 percentage points to 62.0%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Subhas Menon, AAPA Director General, said, "Strong demand growth on routes connecting North East Asia and South Asia, together with the expansion of network connections, continued to stimulate traffic. During the first seven months of the year, Asian airlines carried a combined total of 224 million international passengers, an 11% increase compared to the same period in 2024."

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Mr. Menon added, “During the same period, air cargo demand grew by 6.5% year-on-year, building on last year’s strong performance. Inventory build-ups ahead of the introduction of tariffs by the U.S., along with the rerouting of shipments and diversification of sourcing, contributed to the growth in volumes, as businesses prioritised the speed and reliability afforded by air shipments.”

Looking ahead, Mr. Menon said, “The global economic outlook remains broadly positive, with healthy forward booking volumes supporting growth in travel markets. However, the implementation of tariffs is expected to add some uncertainty in air cargo markets, and could weigh on future demand.”

“On the cost side, the 15% year-to-date decline in jet fuel prices to an average of US\$89 per barrel, together with the weaker US Dollar against some regional currencies, is helping to offset cost pressures arising from ongoing supply chain disruptions. Overall, Asian airlines remain focused on disciplined cost management while pursuing new revenue opportunities to support growth and sustain profitability.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Jul-25	Jul-24	% Change	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2024	% Change
Passengers (Thousand)	33,437	31,044	+ 7.7%	224,233	201,455	+ 11.3%
RPK (Million)	120,565	111,622	+ 8.0%	807,095	716,377	+ 12.7%
ASK (Million)	147,081	135,482	+ 8.6%	983,915	880,373	+ 11.8%
Passenger Load Factor	82.0%	82.4%	- 0.4 pp	82.0%	81.4%	+ 0.6 pp
FTK (Million)	6,794	6,258	+ 8.6%	44,853	42,114	+ 6.5%
FATK (Million)	10,958	10,301	+ 6.4%	74,201	69,039	+ 7.5%
Freight Load Factor	62.0%	60.8%	+ 1.2 pp	60.4%	61.0%	- 0.6 pp

Effective January 2025, the dataset comprises aggregated traffic data from the following 37 Asia Pacific based carriers: 3K, 5J, 6E, 7C, 9C, AI, AK, BI, BR, CA, CI, CK, CX, CZ, D7, GA, HO, HU, IX, JL, JQ, KC, KE, KZ, MH, MU, NH, NZ, 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

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 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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