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Asia Pacific Airlines August 2025 Traffic Results

Carriers continue to experience significant growth in passenger and cargo demand

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary August 2025 traffic figures released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed continued growth in international passenger demand, on the back of strong business and leisure travel activity across the region and globally.

In August, Asia Pacific airlines carried 34.3 million international passengers, an 8.8% increase compared to the same month last year. Traffic, as measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK), grew by 9.1% year-on-year, underpinned by strength in longer-haul markets. The average international passenger load factor remained elevated at 82.9%, with the 9.2% expansion in available seat capacity closely matching demand growth.

International air cargo markets also continued to expand in August, spurred by stockpiling activity as businesses sought to mitigate tariff-related price pressures. Alongside the sustained demand for e-commerce shipments, international air cargo demand, as measured in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), recorded a 5.4% year-on-year increase. Offered freight capacity grew by 5.5% year-on-year, resulting in a marginal 0.1 percentage point decline in the average international freight load factor to 59.5%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Subhas Menon, AAPA Director General, said, “Both passenger and cargo markets have continued to demonstrate resilience in the face of global challenges, including protectionist trade measures and ongoing supply chain constraints. During the first eight months of the year, Asia Pacific airlines carried 258 million international passengers, a 10.8% increase compared to the same period last year, while **continued** /-

international air cargo demand grew by 6.4%. Shifts in trade flows, driven by higher tariffs, also lent support to cargo traffic growth from the region's major manufacturing hubs."

Looking ahead, Mr. Menon said, "The region's carriers remain cautiously optimistic, with travel demand expected to stay resilient, underpinned by continued expansion in global economic activity, particularly in Asia. On the cargo front, the near-term outlook is likely to be shaped by further developments in global trade policy and inventory cycles."

"Persistent supply chain constraints and associated pressures on operating costs will continue to pose challenges, underscoring the need for airlines to remain agile in responding to market demand, and for continued vigilance in cost management. Overall, Asia Pacific airlines are well-positioned to navigate the wider economic and operational challenges that present themselves in the coming months."

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Aug-25	Aug-24	% Change	Jan-Aug 2025	Jan-Aug 2024	% Change
Passengers (Thousand)	34,293	31,528	+ 8.8%	258,041	232,886	+ 10.8%
RPK (Million)	123,114	112,879	+ 9.1%	931,016	828,926	+ 12.3%
ASK (Million)	148,503	136,043	+ 9.2%	1,132,807	1,016,042	+ 11.5%
Passenger Load Factor	82.9%	83.0%	- 0.1 pp	82.2%	81.6%	+ 0.6 pp
FTK (Million)	6,465	6,135	+ 5.4%	51,324	48,248	+ 6.4%
FATK (Million)	10,871	10,301	+ 5.5%	85,078	79,340	+ 7.2%
Freight Load Factor	59.5%	59.6%	- 0.1 pp	60.3%	60.8%	- 0.5 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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