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Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results – November 2016

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Preliminary traffic figures for the month of November released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) showed further growth in both international air passenger markets and international air cargo demand.

The region's airlines carried a combined total of 23.3 million international passengers in November, representing a 4.0% increase compared to the same month last year. Underpinned by continued strength on long haul travel markets, demand in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) grew by 6.2%. The average international passenger load factor rose by 0.7 percentage points to 77.4% for the month after accounting for a 5.1% expansion in available seat capacity.

International air cargo demand, as measured in freight tonne kilometres (FTK), climbed 5.3% higher, underpinned by broad-based improvements in new export orders. Combined with a 3.2% increase in offered freight capacity, the average international freight load factor gained 1.4 percentage points to reach the year's monthly high of 66.9%.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "Asian airlines carried an aggregate total of 267 million international passengers in the first eleven months of the year, representing continued robust growth in demand, up 5.9% on the corresponding period in the previous year."

Turning to air cargo markets, Mr. Herdman added, "The region's carriers have seen a modest but progressive recovery in international air cargo demand this year, with volume growth of 1.2% for the first eleven months of 2016."

Looking ahead, Mr. Herdman concluded, "International air passenger demand maintained a strong growth trend throughout 2016, despite geopolitical uncertainties, supported by lower oil prices and widespread availability of affordable air fares. Air cargo markets

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picked up modestly during the course of the year, but rates remain highly competitive, reflecting soft global trade conditions. The general outlook for the global economy in 2017, including further growth in demand for air travel, remains reasonably positive, but airlines will need to be vigilant over costs, given fluctuations in oil prices as well as exchange rate volatility.”

TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY

International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

International	Nov-16	Nov-15	% Change	Jan-Nov 2016	Jan-Nov 2015	% Change
Passengers (Thousand)	23,282	22,397	+ 4.0%	266,672	251,801	+ 5.9%
RPK (Million)	84,741	79,816	+ 6.2%	970,503	910,664	+ 6.6%
ASK (Million)	109,418	104,122	+ 5.1%	1,236,437	1,161,568	+ 6.4%
Passenger Load Factor	77.4%	76.7%	+ 0.7 pp	78.5%	78.4%	+ 0.1 pp
FTK (Million)	6,106	5,799	+ 5.3%	60,140	59,437	+ 1.2%
FATK (Million)	9,127	8,848	+ 3.2%	96,707	93,602	+ 3.3%
Freight Load Factor	66.9%	65.5%	+ 1.4 pp	62.2%	63.5%	- 1.3 pp

Effective September 2014, the dataset comprises aggregated traffic data from the following 31 Asia Pacific based carriers: 5J, 6E, 9W, AI, AK, BI, BR, CA, CI, CX, CZ, GA, JL, JQ, KA, KC, KE, MH, MU, NH, NZ, OZ, PG, PR, SG, SQ, TG, TR, QF, 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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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 1,214 million passengers and 20 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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