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### Asia Pacific Airlines Traffic Results – June 2010

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Preliminary figures for the month of June released today by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) reaffirm the strength of the ongoing economic recovery, with significant growth reported for both passenger and freight traffic. Asia Pacific-based airlines carried a total of 15.1 million international passengers in June, a sharp 25.2% gain compared to the depressed volumes seen in the same month last year. International passenger traffic, measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK) grew by 19.0%, indicating particularly strong growth on short-haul routes. Available seat capacity grew by a moderate 6.4%, resulting in an 8.5 percentage point increase in the average international passenger load factor to 79.5%.

International air cargo demand also remained robust in June, with Asian carriers reporting a 30.4% growth in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) compared to the same month last year. Even with a 22.1% expansion in freight capacity, the average international cargo load factor grew by 4.5 percentage points to reach 70.8%.

Commenting on the results, Mr Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, “During the first half of the year, Asia Pacific carriers carried 89 million international passengers, 14.9% up on the same period last year, spearheaded by a strong recovery in regional traffic. At the same time, international air cargo demand climbed by 34.8%, marking a dramatic recovery from the steep declines in international trade we experienced in the same period last year.”

Mr Herdman added, “Asia Pacific-based airlines have seen a solid recovery in leisure and business travel, as well as robust air cargo demand, with overall traffic back to pre-recession levels. Capacity increases have been relatively restrained, leading to higher load factors and improving cost efficiencies as airlines work towards restoring profitability.”

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He concluded, “The business outlook for the coming months remains broadly positive, with the International Monetary Fund projecting a global economic growth rate of 4.6% for the year, led by 9.2% growth in Asia’s more dynamic economies. Airlines are well positioned to meet the expected growth in demand, through a combination of new aircraft deliveries and further improvements in fleet utilisation. However, even with an improving revenue environment, strict cost disciplines are still the key to success in this business.”

**TRAFFIC UPDATE – PRELIMINARY**  
International Scheduled Services of Asia Pacific Airlines

<b>International</b>	<b>Jun-10</b>	<b>Jun-09</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2010</b>	<b>Jan-Jun 2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers (000)	15,134	12,085	+ 25.2%	89,252	77,694	+ 14.9%
RPK (mn.)	57,744	48,520	+ 19.0%	338,570	302,430	+ 11.9%
ASK (mn.)	72,666	68,297	+ 6.4%	432,863	425,227	+ 1.8%
Passenger Load Factor	79.5%	71.0%	+ 8.5 pp	78.2%	71.1%	+ 7.1 pp
FTK (mn.)	5,431	4,165	+ 30.4%	31,249	23,184	+ 34.8%
FATK (mn.)	7,673	6,282	+ 22.1%	43,981	38,028	+ 15.7%
Freight Load Factor	70.8%	66.3%	+ 4.5 pp	71.1%	61.0%	+ 10.1 pp

- Aggregated traffic data for 23 Asia Pacific based carriers
- 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 520 million passengers and 15 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-quarter 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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