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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES JUNE 2005 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures for June 2005 that show a steady improvement in passenger and cargo volumes during the month and cumulatively over the first six months of the year.

In June, the airline carried 1,258,031 passengers, a 10.1 percent increase on the same month last year and 89,431 tonnes of freight, a 16.5 percent improvement year-on-year.

Cumulatively, over the first six months of the year, passenger and cargo volumes increased 14.5 percent and 10.2 percent respectively. This was against a corresponding 12.2 percent increase in passenger capacity, measured in terms of Available Seat Kilometres, or ASKs, and 12.7 percent increase in cargo capacity, measured in terms on Available Tonne Kilometres, or ATKs.

The average passenger load factor in June was a high 80.1 percent and 68.3 percent for cargo. The rising price of the fuel continued to weigh heavy against the airline's improved performance, however.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "Passenger traffic was quite robust in June with strong demand around the system in the buildup to the summer peak. Long-haul routes to North America and Europe did particularly well. Unfortunately, fuel prices hit a record high during the month, casting a dark cloud over a generally bright business picture."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "June saw a solid revenue performance on the cargo side of the operation, with demand for exports from the Chinese Mainland remaining high despite continuing high fuel costs."

Full June 2005 figures are on the following page.

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TRAFFIC	June 2005	% change vs June 04	Cumulative June 2005	Cumulative June 2004	% change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	757,475	13.3%	4,425,172	3,697,061	19.7%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,047,770	6.0%	6,068,406	5,507,713	10.2%
- Europe	1,175,530	9.1%	6,630,028	6,071,919	9.2%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	788,607	17.9%	5,309,281	4,246,398	25.0%
- North America	1,484,768	13.6%	8,449,400	7,311,509	15.6%
RPK Total (000)	5,254,150	11.5%	30,882,287	26,834,600	15.1%
Passengers carried	1,258,031	10.1%	7,332,947	6,404,264	14.5%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	520,147	11.4%	3,086,174	2,842,539	8.6%
Freight carried (000Kg)	89,431	16.5%	517,920	469,909	10.2%
Number of flights	2,719	11.5%	16,150	14,792	9.2%

CAPACITY	June 2005	% change vs June 04	Cumulative June 2005	Cumulative June 2004	% change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,076,420	5.9%	6,362,771	6,014,834	5.8%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,372,687	7.1%	8,354,022	7,618,547	9.7%
- Europe	1,309,693	3.6%	7,592,548	7,490,070	1.4%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,157,127	23.5%	7,309,575	5,886,315	24.2%
- North America	1,644,234	16.6%	9,915,711	8,240,126	20.3%
ASK Total (000)	6,560,161	11.0%	39,534,627	35,249,892	12.2%
Passenger load factor	80.1%	0.4pt	78.1%	76.1%	2.0pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	761,100	14.3%	4,685,270	4,139,800	13.2%
Cargo and mail load factor	68.3%	-1.9pt	65.9%	68.7%	-2.8pt
ATK (000)	1,385,030	12.8%	8,445,875	7,493,392	12.7%

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** Cathay Pacific was voted 'Airline of the Year 2005' in the world's largest passenger poll conducted by UK-based Skytrax Research.*