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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES JULY 2005 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures for July 2005 that showed continued strong passenger and cargo demand as the airline entered the height of the summer season.

In July, the airline carried 1,442,783 passengers, a 13.7 percent increase year-on-year, as the holiday season got into full swing, and 96,228 tonnes of cargo, up 19.1 percent from a year ago. Both passenger and cargo loads grew faster than corresponding increases in capacity. The cargo business was unusually brisk during what is typically a slower time of year.

The average passenger load factor in July was a high 84.0 percent with strong support from both business and leisure travellers. The airline carried in excess of 50,000 passengers on five separate days during the month. More cargo shipments from Shanghai routed through Hong Kong, showing the city's importance as a gateway to the Chinese Mainland for cargo and passengers.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "We would normally expect business traffic to ease during the July holiday season but the front end was as full as Economy, where there was high demand from leisure travellers. Yet high fuel prices continued to take the shine off strong revenue."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "July was another good month with healthy growth in exports from the Mainland to the United States and Europe. Transhipments from Shanghai were particularly strong helping to boost overall tonnage growth."

Full July 2005 figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	Jul 2005	% change vs Jul 04	Cumulative Jul 2005	Cumulative Jul 2004	% change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	870,123	6.1%	5,295,295	4,517,099	17.2%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,234,484	15.5%	7,302,890	6,576,259	11.0%
- Europe	1,335,842	14.8%	7,965,870	7,235,138	10.1%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	946,531	31.7%	6,255,812	4,965,100	26.0%
- North America	1,593,998	7.4%	10,043,398	8,795,595	14.2%
RPK Total (000)	5,980,978	13.8%	36,863,265	32,089,191	14.9%
Passengers carried	1,442,783	13.7%	8,775,730	7,672,898	14.4%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	568,728	11.9%	3,654,902	3,350,717	9.1%
Freight carried (000Kg)	96,228	19.1%	614,148	550,719	11.5%
Number of flights	2,892	11.4%	19,042	17,388	9.5%

CAPACITY	Jul 2005	% change vs Jul 04	Cumulative Jul 2005	Cumulative Jul 2004	% change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,130,516	3.6%	7,493,287	7,105,721	5.5%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,508,696	11.8%	9,862,718	8,967,773	10.0%
- Europe	1,460,246	10.9%	9,052,794	8,806,601	2.8%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,208,603	21.0%	8,518,178	6,885,113	23.7%
- North America	1,816,322	6.4%	11,732,033	9,947,412	17.9%
ASK Total (000)	7,124,383	10.2%	46,659,010	41,712,620	11.9%
Passenger load factor	84.0%	2.7pt	79.0%	76.9%	2.1pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	837,365	14.7%	5,522,635	4,869,855	13.4%
Cargo and mail load factor	67.9%	-1.7pt	66.2%	68.8%	-2.6pt
ATK (000)	1,515,006	12.7%	9,960,880	8,838,162	12.7%

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