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#### CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES NOVEMBER 2005 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific today released traffic figures for November 2005 that show a double-digit increase in the number of flights in the past year underpinning steady passenger and cargo growth.

The airline carried 1,283,169 passengers in November, an 8.1 percent increase on the same month last year, and 100,130 tonnes of cargo, a 15.2 percent rise. Passenger growth was slightly below a corresponding 9.7 percent increase in capacity, measured in terms of Available Seat Kilometres. Cargo tonnage was again boosted by transshipment cargo to and from Shanghai.

Last month Cathay Pacific operated 2,878 flights, a 10.7 percent increase year-on-year. The airline has in the past year expanded its fleet and strengthened its network. Eight additional aircraft entered service with Cathay Pacific in 2005.

In November, a new three-times-weekly freighter service was launched to Dallas and Atlanta in the United States. Passenger services to Europe were strengthened with the announcement of a daily service to Rome, plus a new service to Moscow and Manchester. All will start 27 March 2006.

Cathay Pacific also announced its biggest-ever new aircraft acquisition with orders for 16 long-haul Boeing 777-300ER and purchase rights on 20 more, plus three Airbus A330-300s for regional services. The airline will have 100 aircraft in 2006, its 60th Anniversary.

November's figures also show the passenger load factor was 76.3 percent, down 0.8 points year-on-year and the cargo load factor was 68.7 percent, almost unchanged from last year despite a corresponding 6.8 increase in capacity measured in terms of Available Cargo Tonne Kilometres.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "Business was good in November, even though demand is usually softer ahead of the year-end holidays. Capacity has increased significantly from the same month last year with additional services to cities such as Amsterdam and Los Angeles. Yet revenue growth from an 8.1 percent increase in passenger numbers suffered continued downward pressure on yield. December looks set to be a strong month."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Our new Dallas and Atlanta service got off to a very good start with full loads out of Hong Kong. The first flight was just 49 kilogrammes short of its maximum capacity. Still, the peak year-end period is attracting a lot of competitor capacity, depressing yield and making inbound flights to Hong Kong harder to fill. High fuel costs continue to weigh heavy on operations."

Full November 2005 figures are as follow:



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TRAFFIC	Nov 2005	% Change VS Nov 2004	Cumulative Nov 2005	Cumulative Nov 2004	% Change
<b>RPK (000)</b>					
- North Asia	736,100	6.2%	8,426,838	7,507,542	12.2%
- South East Asia and Middle East	1,124,806	6.7%	11,761,714	10,559,119	11.4%
- Europe	1,118,746	8.0%	12,942,189	11,685,301	10.8%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	949,637	7.0%	9,782,365	7,919,352	23.5%
- North America	1,493,545	12.7%	16,146,123	14,243,112	13.4%
<b>RPK Total (000)</b>	<b>5,422,834</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>59,059,229</b>	<b>51,914,426</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
Passengers carried	1,283,169	8.1%	14,026,359	12,390,976	13.2%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	594,832	7.1%	5,994,796	5,477,355	9.4%
Freight carried (000 kg)	100,130	15.2%	1,013,053	889,267	13.9%
Number of flights	2,878	10.7%	30,551	27,723	10.2%
<b>Capacity</b>					
Capacity	Nov 2005	% Change VS Nov 2004	Cumulative Nov 2005	Cumulative Nov 2004	% Change
<b>ASK (000)</b>					
- North Asia	1,076,567	10.8%	11,904,305	11,249,944	5.8%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,493,152	9.7%	15,791,940	14,304,767	10.4%
- Europe	1,362,478	11.6%	14,715,163	13,920,951	5.7%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,261,479	-0.1%	13,334,325	11,144,455	19.6%
- North America	1,913,706	15.3%	19,472,394	16,649,746	17.0%
<b>ASK Total (000)</b>	<b>7,107,382</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>75,218,127</b>	<b>67,269,863</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
Pax load factor	76.3%	-0.8pt	78.5%	77.2%	1.3pt
Available cargo & mail tonne km (000)	865,938	6.8%	8,968,716	7,971,202	12.5%
Cargo and mail load factor	68.7%	0.2pt	66.8%	68.7%	-1.9pt
ATK (000)	1,541,899	8.0%	16,123,272	14,370,630	12.2%

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