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### **Cathay Pacific releases May 2006 traffic figures**

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Cathay Pacific today released robust traffic figures for May 2006 with passenger numbers up and cargo growth in line with expectations for the time of year.

In May, the airline carried 1,338,712 passengers, an 8.8 percent increase over the same month last year, while the flight load factor averaged 76.2 percent, half a point higher. Actual revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) flown increased 12.1 percent ahead of a corresponding 11.4 percent increase in capacity measured in terms of available seat kilometres (ASKs). Leisure travel was boosted by public holidays in Hong Kong, China and Japan.

The airline carried 94,950 tonnes of freight in May, up 5.3 percent year-on-year and ahead of a 5.0 percent increase in capacity, measured in terms of available cargo/mail tonne kilometres. Continued high demand out of Hong Kong led to a new company uplift record for a 747-200 freighter of 115.132 tonnes net, set on a flight from Hong Kong to Chicago.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "May was a good month all round. Business travellers were busy and leisure bookings, usually a little soft after Easter, got an extra boost from the 'Golden Week' holidays."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Our new uplift record shows we are really packing our planes on long-haul flights out of Hong Kong, in particular on those bound for the East Coast of the US. Yet fuel prices remain a major concern with still no sign of a near-term correction."

Full May 2006 figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	May 2006	% Change VS May 2005	Cumulative May 2006	Cumulative May 2005	% Change
<b>RPK (000)</b>					
- North Asia	770,949	7.0%	3,971,509	3,667,698	8.3%
- South East Asia and Middle East	1,124,413	8.5%	5,569,999	5,020,636	10.9%
- Europe	1,264,548	15.4%	6,163,103	5,454,497	13.0%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	771,874	5.9%	4,672,812	4,520,674	3.4%
- North America	1,762,016	17.6%	8,259,530	6,964,632	18.6%
<b>RPK Total (000)</b>	<b>5,693,800</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>28,636,953</b>	<b>25,628,137</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
Passengers carried	1,338,712	8.8%	6,751,873	6,074,916	11.1%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	566,577	5.8%	2,786,262	2,566,748	8.6%
Freight carried (000 kg)	94,950	5.3%	476,297	428,490	11.2%
Number of flights	2,984	6.6%	14,584	13,431	8.6%

Capacity	May 2006	% Change VS May 2005	Cumulative May 2006	Cumulative May 2005	% Change
<b>ASK (000)</b>					
- North Asia	1,166,517	5.8%	5,695,456	5,286,351	7.7%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,529,695	8.1%	7,503,208	6,981,335	7.5%
- Europe	1,646,836	25.6%	7,512,215	6,282,855	19.6%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,115,672	-5.9%	6,015,511	6,152,448	-2.2%
- North America	2,018,078	19.0%	9,845,538	8,271,477	19.0%
<b>ASK Total (000)</b>	<b>7,476,798</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>36,571,928</b>	<b>32,974,466</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
Pax load factor	76.2%	0.5pt	78.3%	77.7%	0.6pt
Available cargo & mail tonne km (000)	845,383	5.0%	4,145,176	3,924,170	5.6%
Cargo and mail load factor	67.0%	0.5pt	67.2%	65.4%	1.8pt
<b>ATK (000)</b>	<b>1,556,372</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>7,623,278</b>	<b>7,060,844</b>	<b>8.0%</b>