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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES JULY 2006 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures that show passenger numbers and cargo tonnage edging up as the airline moved into the 2006 summer peak.

In July, the airline carried a total of 1,512,638 passengers, up 4.8% on the same month last year. The passenger load factor for July was up to 84.6% on a capacity growth of 6.6%. Looking at specific routes, Europe had the biggest capacity growth, measured in available seat kilometres - 16.1% up on the same month in 2005.

Cargo carried in July rose by 1.8% on the same month last year to 97,970 tonnes, pushing ahead of a 1.0% rise in capacity. The cargo load factor for the month rose marginally, by 0.8 percentage points to 68.7%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "We are pleased with the performance on the passenger side of the operation in July. The load factor was high as the summer holidays kicked in, and long-haul routes to Europe and North America were again particularly strong. Our front-end business held up better than expected in the holiday season, helping to keep yield up. The outlook for August and September remains positive, though external factors ranging from typhoons to security threats could impact on our business."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Demand out of Hong Kong and China to long-haul freight destinations remained strong in July, but loads on most routes back to Hong Kong were soft due to strong competition in the market. The month's performance was buoyed by the launch of a new route to Chennai in India, via Mumbai, and the entry into the fleet of the second of six Boeing B747-400BCF "Boeing Converted Freighters".

The full July 2006 figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	Jul	%	Cumulative	Cumulative	%
	2006	Change VS Jul05	Jul 2006	Jul 2005	Change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	889,663	2.2%	5,661,137	5,295,295	6.9%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,285,200	4.1%	8,019,896	7,302,890	9.8%
- Europe	1,529,966	14.5%	9,110,138	7,965,870	14.4%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	915,932	-3.2%	6,445,501	6,255,812	3.0%
- North America	1,804,371	13.2%	11,821,463	10,043,398	17.7%
RPK Total (000)	6,425,132	7.4%	41,058,135	36,863,265	11.4%
Passengers carried	1,512,638	4.8%	9,656,973	8,775,730	10.0%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	581,093	2.2%	3,935,945	3,654,902	7.7%
Freight carried (000Kg)	97,970	1.8%	670,522	614,148	9.2%
Number of flights	3,023	4.5%	20,535	19,042	7.8%

CAPACITY	Jul	%	Cumulative	Cumulative	%
	2006	Change VS Jul05	Jul 2006	Jul 2005	Change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,166,910	3.2%	7,989,083	7,493,287	6.6%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,576,045	4.5%	10,567,128	9,862,718	7.1%
- Europe	1,695,051	16.1%	10,802,788	9,052,794	19.3%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,132,596	-6.3%	8,228,471	8,518,178	-3.4%
- North America	2,020,859	11.3%	13,817,685	11,732,033	17.8%
ASK Total (000)	7,591,461	6.6%	51,405,155	46,659,010	10.2%
Passenger load factor	84.6%	0.6pt	79.9%	79.0%	0.9pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	845,542	1.0%	5,804,435	5,522,635	5.1%
Cargo and mail load factor	68.7%	0.8pt	67.8%	66.2%	1.6pt
ATK (000)	1,567,436	3.5%	10,693,110	9,960,880	7.4%

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