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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES AUGUST 2006 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures for August that show passenger growth keeping ahead of the airline's increase in capacity over the summer peak period.

Last month the airline carried a total of 1,488,507 passengers, up 5.2% on August 2005. The passenger load factor was up by 1.3 percentage points to 83.1% while capacity, measured in available seat kilometres, was up 3.9%. Figures for the year to date show passenger numbers up 9.4% and capacity up 9.3% over the corresponding period in 2005.

The amount of cargo carried by the airline in August was 94,987 tonnes, a 0.5% gain on the same month last year. Capacity, measured in available cargo/mail tonne kilometres, rose by 0.7% over August 2005. The cargo load factor for the month rose by 1.5 percentage points to 65.8%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "The strong start to the peak season we saw in June and July continued through August with a high load factor and an expected strong demand in the back end as people took summer holidays. Interestingly, business traffic during this holiday period has been much more substantial than last year, giving a welcome boost to yield."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Demand out of Hong Kong and China remained high in August, and our load factor held up despite the holiday season beginning in key markets such as Europe. We added an extra flight to Dallas and Atlanta at the beginning of the month, taking advantage of the strong demand we've seen on that route since it launched late last year."

The full August 2006 figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	Aug 2006	% Change VS Aug05	Cumulative Aug 2006	Cumulative Aug 2005	% Change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	950,688	8.9%	6,611,825	6,168,447	7.2%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,227,343	-0.2%	9,247,239	8,532,236	8.4%
- Europe	1,435,059	11.5%	10,545,197	9,252,400	14.0%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	871,869	0.1%	7,317,370	7,127,009	2.7%
- North America	1,778,510	6.5%	13,599,973	11,712,863	16.1%
RPK Total (000)	6,263,469	5.6%	47,321,604	42,792,955	10.6%
Passengers carried	1,488,507	5.2%	11,145,480	10,191,246	9.4%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	567,175	3.0%	4,503,120	4,205,426	7.1%
Freight carried (000Kg)	94,987	0.5%	765,509	708,670	8.0%
Number of flights	2,990	2.6%	23,525	21,955	7.2%

CAPACITY	Aug 2006	% Change VS Aug05	Cumulative Aug 2006	Cumulative Aug 2005	% Change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,184,009	4.7%	9,173,092	8,624,333	6.4%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,575,461	4.1%	12,142,589	11,376,439	6.7%
- Europe	1,651,418	14.2%	12,454,206	10,498,524	18.6%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,104,122	-7.2%	9,332,593	9,708,018	-3.9%
- North America	2,018,701	2.5%	15,836,386	13,700,910	15.6%
ASK Total (000)	7,533,711	3.9%	58,938,866	53,908,224	9.3%
Passenger load factor	83.1%	1.3pt	80.3%	79.4%	0.9pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	861,978	0.7%	6,666,413	6,378,916	4.5%
Cargo and mail load factor	65.8%	1.5pt	67.5%	65.9%	1.6pt
ATK (000)	1,578,311	2.1%	12,271,421	11,506,633	6.6%

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