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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES SEPTEMBER 2006 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures for September that show steady passenger growth at the end of the summer peak period. Cargo growth continued to exceed capacity increase.

Last month the airline carried a total of 1,302,902 passengers, up 4.6% on September 2005. The passenger load factor was up by 0.2 percentage points to 76.6% while capacity, measured in available seat kilometres, was up 5.9%. Figures for the year to date show passenger numbers up 8.8% and capacity up 8.9% over the corresponding period in 2005.

The amount of cargo carried by the airline in September was 106,604 tonnes, a 6.3% gain on the same month last year. Capacity, measured in available cargo/mail tonne kilometres, rose by 5.9% over September 2005. The cargo load factor for the month rose by 2.6 percentage points to 71.3%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "Following a strong peak season from June through August, the good load factor was driven by the return of business traffic and the end of school holidays. The outlook for the remainder of the year looks stable."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Once again tonnage grew marginally faster than capacity. The week ending 30 September set a record for Cathay Pacific with 26,890 tonnes of freight uplifted, driven by extremely strong before and after the National Day holiday. Throughout the month, demand out of southern China and Shanghai was very strong, particularly to the East Coast of the United States. We also introduced two new services, to Toronto and Stockholm. As a result, the outlook at the start of the peak season is reasonably optimistic."

The full September figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	Sep 2006	% Change VS Sep05	Cumulative Sep 2006	Cumulative Sep 2005	% Change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	818,109	6.5%	7,429,934	6,936,737	7.1%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,021,814	-0.4%	10,269,053	9,558,277	7.4%
- Europe	1,459,259	12.0%	12,004,456	10,555,363	13.7%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	845,248	3.9%	8,162,618	7,940,182	2.8%
- North America	1,513,190	6.7%	15,113,163	13,130,648	15.1%
RPK Total (000)	5,657,620	6.2%	52,979,224	48,121,207	10.1%
Passengers carried	1,302,902	4.6%	12,448,382	11,437,074	8.8%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	637,918	9.8%	5,141,038	4,786,418	7.4%
Freight carried (000Kg)	106,604	6.3%	872,113	808,961	7.8%
Number of flights	2,952	5.1%	26,476	24,764	6.9%

CAPACITY	Sep 2006	% Change VS Sep05	Cumulative Sep 2006	Cumulative Sep 2005	% Change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,130,974	4.3%	10,304,066	9,708,792	6.1%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,511,122	5.1%	13,653,711	12,814,300	6.6%
- Europe	1,647,931	17.4%	14,102,137	11,902,409	18.5%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,091,640	-5.4%	10,424,233	10,861,578	-4.0%
- North America	2,000,981	5.8%	17,837,366	15,591,943	14.4%
ASK Total (000)	7,382,648	5.9%	66,321,513	60,879,022	8.9%
Passenger load factor	76.6%	0.2pt	79.9%	79.0%	0.9pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	895,198	5.9%	7,561,610	7,224,398	4.7%
Cargo and mail load factor	71.3%	2.6pt	68.0%	66.3%	1.7pt
ATK (000)	1,597,231	5.9%	13,868,652	13,015,114	6.6%

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