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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES NOVEMBER 2006 TRAFFIC FIGURES

Cathay Pacific Airways today released traffic figures for November 2006 that show a continued growth in both passenger and cargo traffic, the latter helped by the introduction of a new freighter service to Beijing.

Last month the airline carried a total of 1,374,726 passengers, up 7.1% on the same month in 2005. The passenger load factor was 78.7%, up 2.4 percentage points year on year, while capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), rose by 4.4%. Figures for the year to date show the number of passengers carried up 8.6% over last year, ahead of an 8.1% rise in ASKs.

The airline carried 109,413 tonnes of cargo in November, a 9.3% rise on the same month last year. Capacity, measured in available cargo/mail tonne kilometres, rose by 7.8% in the same period. The month's cargo load factor was also up, by 1.8 percentage points, to 70.5%. The load factor for the year to date is 66.8%

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "There is usually something of a passenger-traffic lull in November, but this year we were pleased by the high load factor and continued solid demand for travel. Business in the front-end continues to surpass expectations, and the situation overall is looking healthy as we move into the holiday peak."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Demand out of Hong Kong and the Mainland held up well and our loads on key long-haul routes to Europe and the United States remained very high. The introduction of our new twice-weekly freighter service to Beijing is helping us tap into the growing market in Northern China, while five extra freighter flights a week to Shanghai from 1 December will give our Mainland business a further boost."

The full November figures are on the following page.



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TRAFFIC	Nov 2006	% Change VS Nov05	Cumulative Nov 2006	Cumulative Nov 2005	% Change
RPK (000)					
- North Asia	827,353	12.4%	9,114,993	8,426,838	8.2%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,190,550	5.8%	12,607,458	11,761,714	7.2%
- Europe	1,208,287	8.0%	14,660,188	12,942,189	13.3%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,055,146	11.1%	10,175,377	9,782,365	4.0%
- North America	1,561,629	4.6%	18,282,670	16,146,123	13.2%
RPK Total (000)	5,842,965	7.7%	64,840,686	59,059,229	9.8%
Passengers carried	1,374,726	7.1%	15,232,734	14,026,359	8.6%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	657,710	10.6%	6,452,732	5,994,796	7.6%
Freight carried (000Kg)	109,413	9.3%	1,089,861	1,013,053	7.6%
Number of flights	2,949	2.5%	32,484	30,551	6.3%

CAPACITY	Nov 2006	% Change VS Nov05	Cumulative Nov 2006	Cumulative Nov 2005	% Change
ASK (000)					
- North Asia	1,123,060	4.3%	12,593,325	11,904,305	5.8%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,513,423	1.4%	16,735,790	15,791,940	6.0%
- Europe	1,524,378	11.9%	17,302,501	14,715,163	17.6%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,305,193	3.5%	12,878,301	13,334,325	-3.4%
- North America	1,954,157	2.1%	21,811,347	19,472,394	12.0%
ASK Total (000)	7,420,211	4.4%	81,321,264	75,218,127	8.1%
Passenger load factor	78.7%	2.4pt	79.7%	78.5%	1.2pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	933,371	7.8%	9,447,963	8,968,716	5.3%
Cargo and mail load factor	70.5%	1.8pt	68.3%	66.8%	1.5pt
ATK (000)	1,639,006	6.3%	17,181,372	16,123,272	6.6%

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