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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES COMBINED TRAFFIC FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 2007

Cathay Pacific Airways today released combined Cathay Pacific and Dragonair traffic figures for December 2007 that show a double-digit growth in passenger numbers over the same month last year. Cargo tonnage also grew, but again lagged behind the growth in capacity.

In December the two airlines carried a total of 2,117,307 passengers, up 10.4% on December 2006, with the load factor rising by 1.4 percentage points to 80.8%. The capacity for the month, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), rose by 8.6%. For 2007 as a whole, Cathay Pacific and Dragonair carried 23,253,427 passengers - 4.3% more than in the previous year – while capacity rose by 2.8%.

The two airlines carried a total of 147,800 tonnes of freight last month, a rise of 2.9% year on year, while the cargo and mail load factor remained static at 68.6%. Capacity for December rose by 6.9% - the same figure as for the year as a whole. In 2007 the airlines saw tonnage growth of 3.0% over 2006 to 1,641,853 tonnes.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: “The robust growth in passenger traffic continued in December and a very busy holiday peak brought a strong year to a satisfactory close. We expect business to remain steady and bookings are healthy through the next peak at Chinese New Year.”

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: “After a generally lacklustre year for the airfreight business, this year’s seasonal peak was stronger and more prolonged than expected. We were pleased to see tonnage growth of 2.9% for the month, which again was driven by high demand for products manufactured in Mainland China.”

The full figures are on the next page.

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CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED TRAFFIC	DEC 2007	% Change VS DEC 06 Note (i)	% Change VS DEC 06 Note (ii)	Cumulative DEC 2007	% Change YTD Note (i)	% Change YTD Note (ii)
RPK (000)						
- China	493,987	1029.9%	8.0%	5,784,567	1048.3%	1.2%
- North East Asia	1,031,447	26.1%	12.0%	11,310,903	19.4%	3.3%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,422,282	2.8%	-0.4%	15,263,532	9.1%	5.3%
- Europe	1,366,489	9.7%	9.7%	16,423,281	3.3%	3.3%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,278,463	4.4%	4.4%	11,920,074	4.6%	4.6%
- North America	2,019,763	25.1%	25.1%	21,098,400	6.0%	6.0%
RPK Total (000)	7,612,431	20.2%	10.5%	81,800,757	14.9%	4.4%
Passengers carried	2,117,307	41.6%	10.4%	23,253,427	39.0%	4.3%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	833,324	29.0%	6.8%	8,900,238	25.4%	3.4%
Freight carried (000kg)	147,800	35.8%	2.9%	1,641,853	37.0%	3.0%
Number of flights	4,928	58.2%	3.7%	56,877	59.8%	1.7%

CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED CAPACITY	DEC 2007	% Change VS DEC 06 Note (i)	% Change VS DEC 06 Note (ii)	Cumulative DEC 2007	% Change YTD Note (i)	% Change YTD Note (ii)
ASK (000)						
- China	672,576	693.0%	-9.3%	8,401,361	964.3%	-2.9%
- North East Asia	1,339,192	19.8%	4.9%	15,363,518	18.1%	2.6%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,660,127	1.3%	-2.8%	19,220,170	4.6%	0.5%
- Europe	1,652,859	4.5%	4.5%	19,641,315	4.0%	4.0%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,500,771	11.1%	11.1%	14,588,677	2.5%	2.5%
- North America	2,599,729	28.6%	28.6%	25,246,749	5.9%	5.9%
ASK Total (000)	9,425,254	20.9%	8.6%	102,461,790	15.0%	2.8%
Passenger load factor	80.8%	-0.4pt	1.4pt	79.8%	-0.1pt	1.2pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	1,215,130	28.8%	6.9%	13,334,885	28.3%	6.9%
Cargo and mail load factor	68.6%	0.1pt	0.0pt	66.7%	-1.6pt	-2.4pt
ATK (000)	2,111,327	25.3%	7.6%	23,077,462	22.3%	5.1%

Note:

- (i) Comparative figures exclude Dragonair Jan-Oct 2006
- (ii) Comparative figures include Dragonair

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