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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES COMBINED TRAFFIC FIGURES FOR APRIL 2008

Cathay Pacific Airways today released combined Cathay Pacific and Dragonair traffic figures for April 2008 that show the number of passengers carried by the two airline rising again, though failing to keep pace with the increase in capacity. The increase in cargo tonnage, meanwhile, was on a par with the capacity rise.

In April the two airlines carried a total of 2,068,951 passengers - an increase of 7.2% over the same month in 2007 – and saw a 14.3% rise in capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs). The month's load factor was down 1.0 percentage points to 79.4%. For the year to date, the number of passengers carried has risen by 13.6% - on a par with capacity growth of 13.4%.

Between them, Cathay Pacific and Dragonair carried 142,106 tonnes of cargo and mail in April – up 8.5% on the same month last year – while cargo capacity, measured in available cargo/mail tonne kilometres, climbed by 8.4%. The cargo and mail load factor rose by 2.7 percentage points to 67.6%. For the year to date, cargo tonnage has risen by 7.4% compared to a capacity rise of 8.2%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management, Sales & Distribution Ian Shiu said: "Generally we were pleased by our passenger performance in April, though comparisons with the same month last year are skewed by the fact that Easter fell in different months. Looking ahead, bookings remain within expectations through to the summer peak in July and August."

Cathay Pacific Director & General Manager Cargo Ron Mathison said: "Demand out of Hong Kong and Mainland China remained quite robust in April and business was boosted by a good market reaction to our recently launched freighter service to Hanoi and Dhaka. However, increasing jet fuel prices are inflicting serious damage on our freighter business and we stand to face increasing competition from ocean cargo in May and June, which are traditionally slack months for cargo out of Asia."

The full figures are on the next page.

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CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED TRAFFIC	APR 2008	% Change VS APR 07	Cumulative APR 2008	% Change YTD
RPK (000)				
- China	506,882	1.5%	1,940,694	13.4%
- North East Asia	898,599	-0.2%	3,884,478	9.1%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,436,663	14.1%	5,416,686	12.3%
- Europe	1,448,164	4.8%	5,738,991	10.6%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,057,544	11.6%	4,617,646	12.9%
- North America	2,144,485	29.5%	8,625,801	31.8%
RPK Total (000)	7,492,337	12.8%	30,224,296	16.6%
Passengers carried	2,068,951	7.2%	8,231,469	13.6%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	756,439	12.9%	2,944,652	10.5%
Cargo and mail carried (000kg)	142,106	8.5%	550,022	7.4%
Number of flights	4,892	4.2%	19,486	6.5%

CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED CAPACITY	APR 2008	% Change VS APR 07	Cumulative APR 2008	% Change YTD
ASK (000)				
- China	712,295	-0.3%	2,780,141	3.8%
- North East Asia	1,200,784	-4.4%	5,130,093	2.2%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,833,314	15.4%	6,704,310	4.7%
- Europe	1,620,463	-1.9%	6,474,597	3.3%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,356,589	24.2%	5,852,237	18.2%
- North America	2,717,816	38.7%	10,652,954	36.1%
ASK Total (000)	9,441,261	14.3%	37,594,332	13.4%
Passenger load factor	79.4%	-1.0pt	80.4%	2.2pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	1,119,217	8.4%	4,460,219	8.2%
Cargo and mail load factor	67.6%	2.7pt	66.0%	1.3pt
ATK (000)	2,016,922	10.9%	8,034,857	10.5%

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