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CATHAY PACIFIC RELEASES COMBINED TRAFFIC FIGURES FOR AUGUST 2008

Cathay Pacific Airways today released combined Cathay Pacific and Dragonair traffic figures for August 2008 that show only a marginal growth in the number of passengers carried compared to a double-digit capacity climb. For cargo, both the tonnage carried and capacity fell compared to the same month in 2007.

Last month Cathay Pacific and Dragonair carried a total of 2,129,749 passengers – an increase of 0.5% over August 2007. The month's load factor was down 4.7 percentage points to 78.4%, while capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), was up 14.0% on the previous year. For the year to date, the number of passengers carried has risen by 11.3% compared to a capacity rise of 14.5%.

The two airlines carried 140,589 tonnes of cargo and mail in August, a drop of 3.1% on the same month in 2007. Capacity for the month, measured in available cargo/mail tonne kilometres, fell by 5.4% while the cargo and mail load factor rose by 0.6 percentage points to 65.9%. For the year to date, the amount of freight carried has risen by 5.3% compared to a capacity climb of 4.6%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager Revenue Management Tom Owen said: "The number of passengers carried rose only marginally in August against a significant rise in capacity compared to last year – mainly on routes to Australia, North America and India. The Beijing Olympics and the impact of the two typhoons that hit Hong Kong had a negative impact on passenger numbers for the month. Premium demand continues to show signs of softening in the months ahead."

Cathay Pacific General Manager Cargo Sales & Marketing Titus Diu said: "There was a significant reduction in our freighter capacity in August as we reduced services to offset the impact of high fuel prices. Demand during August was certainly affected by the Olympics in Beijing, with a drop in exports out of China around the Games period. On the plus side, our second Boeing 747-400ERF 'Extended Range Freighter' is now in service and helping to improve efficiency on our important North American trunk routes."

The full figures are on the next page.

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CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED TRAFFIC	AUG 2008	% Change VS AUG 07	Cumulative AUG 2008	% Change YTD
RPK (000)				
- China	483,372	-12.4%	3,937,777	6.2%
- North East Asia	1,045,750	-3.4%	7,927,420	6.2%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,502,736	8.2%	11,563,907	14.9%
- Europe	1,414,651	-2.1%	11,426,604	5.8%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	993,281	5.9%	8,728,776	14.1%
- North America	2,307,683	28.2%	18,147,890	32.2%
RPK Total (000)	7,747,473	7.5%	61,732,374	15.6%
Passengers carried	2,129,749	0.5%	16,901,028	11.3%
Cargo and mail tonne km (000)	734,661	-4.6%	5,911,592	6.1%
Cargo and mail carried (000kg)	140,589	-3.1%	1,111,758	5.3%
Number of flights	5,077	3.0%	39,703	6.0%

CATHAY PACIFIC / DRAGONAIR COMBINED CAPACITY	AUG 2008	% Change VS AUG 07	Cumulative AUG 2008	% Change YTD
ASK (000)				
- China	747,600	0.5%	5,748,338	3.3%
- North East Asia	1,310,079	-2.2%	10,280,699	0.8%
- South East Asia & Middle East	1,971,669	19.3%	14,427,569	12.5%
- Europe	1,705,751	-0.5%	13,169,340	1.1%
- South West Pacific & South Africa	1,392,454	23.5%	11,425,948	21.3%
- North America	2,752,475	31.7%	21,769,816	35.7%
ASK Total (000)	9,880,028	14.0%	76,821,710	14.5%
Passenger load factor	78.4%	-4.7pt	80.4%	0.8pt
Available cargo/mail tonne km (000)	1,115,309	-5.4%	8,916,299	4.6%
Cargo and mail load factor	65.9%	0.6pt	66.3%	0.9pt
ATK (000)	2,055,100	2.6%	16,221,132	8.8%

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