Asia-Pacific Airports grew 7%, Middle Eastern Airports grew 10.4% in November 2015

[January18, 2016 – Hong Kong] During November 2015, passenger traffic grew by +7% in the Asia-Pacific and +10.4% in the Middle East.

Overall, passenger traffic remained solid in the Asia-Pacific for the month of November, primarily driven by strong economic growth in India which boosted domestic traffic. Majority of the reporting airports recorded double-digit growth led by New Delhi (DEL) +21.9%, Mumbai (BOM) +18.3% and Bangalore (BLR) +24.3%. This is partially offset by the slowdown in Chinese economy with leading airports such as Beijing (PEK) -1.6% and Guangzhou (CAN) -1.8% reporting slight decrease from last year. Shanghai Pudong (PVG) continued to lead passenger traffic growth among Chinese airports generating a healthy growth of +9%.

Growth in the Middle East sustained at +10.4%[1] for the month, Dubai (DXB) +8.1% and Abu Dhabi (AUH) +15.8% continued to generate sizable growth as a result of system expansion.

Air freight volumes remained weak, reflecting the slowdown of the Chinese economy and uncertainty in the commodity exporting countries. In November 2015, freight volumes in the Asia-Pacific reported a decline of -1.5% and the Middle East was essentially flat at   -0.5%.

Among the top ten freight hubs in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, six out of the top ten recorded decline in freight volume with the exception of Dubai (DXB) +3.8%, Beijing (PEK) +2.8%, Singapore (SIN) +2.6%, and Guangzhou (CAN) +4.7%.

TABLE 1: Airports reporting the highest traffic volume in November 2015 (with respective growth rate from last year) according to preliminary traffic data

Top 3 airports by size[2]				
Passenger				Freight
> 40M	25M to 40M	15M to 25M	5M to 15M	
Beijing (PEK) -1.6%	Sydney (SYD) +4.7%	Abu Dhabi (AUH) +15.8%	Osaka Itami (ITM) -3.8%	Hong Kong (HKG) -3.1%
Dubai (DXB) +8.1%	Shenzhen (SZX) +2.6%	Seoul Gimpo (GMP) +8.8%	Phuket (HKT) +9.3%	Shanghai Pudong (PVB) -1.0%
Tokyo Haneda (HND) +3.3%	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA) +1.3%	Osaka Kansai (KIX) +15.7%	Busan (PUS) +29.9%	Dubai (DXB) +3.8%

Note :

1. ACI has not yet received data from Doha Hamad International Airport at the time when this press release is prepared.

2. ACI PaxFlash and FreightFlash statistics are based on a significant sample of airports that provide regular monthly reports to ACI. They represent approximately 60% of total passenger traffic and 70% of total freight traffic worldwide. Commentary, tables and charts are based on preliminary data submitted by participating airports and are therefore subject to change.

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