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- Melbourne Airport

  Melbourne Airport treats travellers for Christmas giving away \$100,000 in gifts
- Hong Kong International Airport
  Airport Authority and Alibaba Group Express Commitment to Developing Smart Logistics Hub at HKIA

#### **United Arab Emirates**

- Dubai Airports
  DXB welcomed 6.9m customers in November 6.1.2019
- **Abu Dhabi Airports**Abu Dhabi International Airport rolls out 'Super-Fi' internet connectivity



### **Feature Stories**



## **Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of biweekly newsletter! As we march into 2019, the Regional Office would like to wish everyone a healthy and joyous year ahead!

We look forward to an exciting year ahead with many events, activities and engagement opportunities! First up, we have the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Airports Economics and Finance Conference and Exhibition in London in March. Next, we have our signature ACI Asia-Pacific/ World Annual General Assembly, Conference and Exhibition in Hong Kong in April! Read on for details below.

In the coming weeks, we will also be introducing enhancements to various publications. You may have noticed a refreshed look on our Airports Daily already. Other updates will appear on our website and members' communications. In case you did not know, we have also launched a Twitter account since last Fall. Follow us @ACIAPAC for current happenings with our members and the industry in Asia-Pacific and beyond. We look forward to sharing more updates with you in due course.

Of course, your feedback is always welcome. Thank you in advance for your continual support and we look forward to hearing from you!



# Incheon International Airport Shares About Smart Airport Development

The Regional Office welcomed a delegation from Incheon International Airport Corporation (IIAC) on 27 November to have a discussion on latest issues in smart airport development.

Mr. SL Wong, Head of ACI Asia-Pacific Technical and Industry Affairs and Mr. Ken Lau, ACI Asia-Pacific Senior Manager, Technical Affairs kicked off the meeting with a briefing on ACI's engagement in Airport IT programmes including IT committees, ACRIS, NEXTT, and IoT in airport operations.

IIAC delegation, headed by Mr. Jung June Ahn, Vice President of Smart Airport Development, also shared and updated the Regional Office on IIAC's views regarding recent smart airport development trends.



Group photo of the Smart Airport Delegation from IIAC and ACI staffs



## Regional HR Committee Concluded in Abu Dhabi, UAE

The Regional HR Committee Fall Meeting 2018 was held on 11 - 13 December in Gulf Center for Aviation Studies (GCAS), Abu Dhabi, UAE. Hosted by Abu Dhabi Airports, the 3-day meeting was well-attended by 40 participants from 15 airport members. The theme of this meeting is "Learning and Development" (L&D).



Over the first two days, the participants took part in consultant-led group discussions, exercises, and debates on "e-Learning" and the "70-20-10" HR principle. There was also a group exercise which focused on "How might we improve the business value of L&D?" and encouraged participants to do role-play of different stakeholders, such as young graduates and CFO in their airports, and demonstrate their perceptions of L&D to help members put themselves in others' shoes when formulating L&D strategies for their colleagues. The group also exchanged best practices based on the 4 presentations contributed by the committee members including Abu Dhabi Airports, Cambodia Airports, Bahrain Airport and Oman Airport.

On the third day, Abu Dhabi Airports arranged a visit to the Midfield Terminal Building in the morning and city tour in the afternoon to conclude the meeting. The next meeting will be held on 1 April 2019 in Hong Kong, in conjunction with the 2019 ACI Asia-Pacific / World Annual General Assembly, Conference and Exhibition (WAGA 2019).



## **Upcoming Events – Register now for E&F and WAGA!**



#### ACI 11th Annual Airport Economics & Finance Conference & Exhibition (E&F)

Join ACI for the comprehensive ACI 11th Annual Airport Economics & Finance Conference & Exhibition and the 5th ACI-World Bank Annual Aviation Symposium in London from 12 – 14 March 2019. The event is expected to host 250 delegates from over 50 different countries around the world including airport chief executive officers, chief financial officers, accounting and commercial managers, investment banks and financial institutions, rating agencies, airport finance consultants, airport investors, airports seeking investment, regulators and insurance companies. For further information about the conference, please visit the event website here.

#### 2019 ACI Asia-Pacific/ World Annual General Assembly, Conference & Exhibition (WAGA)

If you haven't registered for the 2019 ACI Asia-Pacific/World Annual General Assembly, Conference & Exhibition (WAGA 2019) yet, now is your chance. Early-bird registration is still available, but will end on 1 February, so be sure not to miss out. Join us as we explore the theme of "What's next for aviation? The future starts now" and the technologies available and in development that will help simplify and improve the passenger journey. For further information about the conference, please visit the event website here. We look forward to seeing you in Hong Kong!



# October 2018: Passengers up 4.8% in Asia-Pacific and 4.2% in Middle East

Passenger traffic across Asia-Pacific and the Middle East recorded growth in October at +4.8% and +4.2% respectively.

India continued to lead in Asia-Pacific with approximately +9% total passenger growth from last year. The overall India market is showing signs of slowdown but the domestic sector maintained double-digit gain during October at around +11%. The top three airports with the most total passenger volume growth are: Bangalore (BLR) +24.3%, Hyderabad (HYD) +19.8% and Chennai (MAA) +17.1%.

In China, the general pace of growth continued to slow and total passenger traffic growth from last year was approximately +7%. The domestic sector in China experienced a slight uptick possibly benefited from the National Day Golden Week travels. The three airports with the most passenger volume increase from last year: Beijing (PEK) +6.0%, Guangzhou (CAN) +6.3% and Chengdu (CTU) +8.5%.

Elsewhere in the region, a number of airports in Australia experienced sizable increase in international passenger traffic, possibly benefited from the timing of various national holidays. Sydney (SYD) and Melbourne (MEL) reported increase of +6.0% and +8.4% in international passenger growth, resulting in overall passenger growth of +3.3% and +2.9% respectively.

In the Middle East, many airports posted positive growth rates. Bahrain (BAH) generated the highest growth rate this month at +23%, followed by Muscat (MCT) +14.2% and Beirut (BEY) +11%. Dubai (DXB), the largest hub in the region grew by +2.1%.

In terms of air freight, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East grew by +2.6% and +1.8% respectively amid the ongoing trade disputes between China and the United States. Among the major cargo hubs, Delhi (DEL) +19.9% had the highest growth rate, followed by Doha (DOH) +13.1% and Mumbai (BOM) +11.1%.

# ACI Asia-Pacific **Monthly Traffic Report**October 2018



**Top 3 Airports by Size Category** 

Passenger				Freight
> 40M	25M to 40M	15M to 25M	5M to 15M	
Beijing (PEK) +6%	Hangzhou (HGH) +6.1%	Fukuoka (FUK) +2.6%	Nanchang (KHN) -7.0%	Hong Kong (HKG) +2.8%
Tokyo Haneda (HND) -3.7%	Melbourne (MEL) +2.9%	Seoul Gimpo (GMP) -3.8%	Nagoya (NGO) +5.6%	Shanghai Pudong (PVG) -5.5%
Dubai (DXB) +2.1%	Bangalore (BLR) +24.3%	Tianjin (TSN) +8.0%	Shijiazhuang (SJW) +10.2%	Seoul Incheon (ICN) +6.2%

Preliminary year-on-year traffic growth rates for Airports reporting highest traffic volume in the respective size category in October 2018

#### Note:

- 1. ACI preliminary passenger and freight 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.
- 2. Airports are categorized based on the rolling passenger traffic in the last 12 months.



# The Connected Air Cargo Masterclass, 30 – 31 January 2019, Brussels, Belgium



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#### Airport Development Showcase Video -

Created in April 2018 for the 13th ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Assembly, to showcase the recent airport development projects shaping the region. If you were not able to attend the event, you can now watch the video from the link below.





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