



ACI Asia-Pacific airports reported 8.5% passenger growth in Q1 2015

[May 15, 2015 – Hong Kong] The traffic surge during Lunar New Year continued to have a positive impact on the Asia-Pacific airports in March 2015, reporting a +11.1% year-on-year rise, and a +8.5% growth for the first quarter. The Middle East also recorded strong rise of +10.0% in March, and +9.4% for the first quarter.

Many of the major airports in the Asia-Pacific generated double digit growth in Q1 2015: Shanghai Pudong (PVG) +17.7%, Incheon (ICN) +15.6%, Bangkok (BKK) +14.8%, and New Delhi (DEL) +13.0%. Bangkok Don Muang (DMK) delivered the highest growth among major Asia-Pacific airports at +51.2% whereas Abu Dhabi (AUH) +21.1% and Doha (DOH) +16.8% led the growth in the Middle East.

In terms of air freight statistics, Asia-Pacific showed a slowdown -1.4% for the month due to a mix of factors: a correction of the upsurge growth impacted by the timing of the Lunar New Year holiday that took place one month later in February, easing off of the increase in freight volume resulting from congestion at major US sea ports last month, and weaker demands from Europe. But the region maintained an overall positive growth of +4.7% in the first quarter.

The Middle East sustained strong growth both for the month +8.5% and in the first quarter +10.0%. Tokyo Haneda (HND) led Asia-Pacific with the highest growth rate +15.4% whereas Dubai (aggregate DXB & DWC¹) led the Middle East at +26.7% for the first quarter.

TABLE 1: Airports reporting the highest traffic volume in Q1 2015 (with respective growth rate from last year) according to preliminary traffic data

Top 3 airports by size (Annual Traffic)				
Passenger				Freight
> 40M	25M to 40M	15M to 25M	5M to 15M	
Beijing (PEK) +5.5%	Chengdu (CTU) +13.3%	Jeju (CJU) +21.2%	Madras (MAA) +15.4%	Hong Kong (HKG) +2.9%
Dubai (DXB) +6.8%	Mumbai (BOM) +19.9%	Bangkok Don Muang (DMK) +51.2%	Phuket (HKT) +7.8%	Shanghai Pudong (PVB) +6.4%
Tokyo Haneda (HND) +9.2%	Sydney (SYD) +2.3%	Abu Dhabi (AUH) +21.1%	Osaka Itami (ITM) +3.0%	Incheon (ICN) +2.2%

Note :

1. The shift of all pure cargo flights from DXB to DWC was completed during 2014. Hence, for the purpose of this press release, the air freight traffic for DXB and DWC was calculated in aggregate to reflect the overall growth rate for Dubai in March 2015.

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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