



Passenger traffic in Asia-Pacific and Middle East grew around 8% in August 2016

[November 8, 2016 – Hong Kong] In August 2016, Asia-Pacific and Middle East delivered passenger traffic increase at +7.5% and +8.1% respectively in the midst of an overall easing in growth momentum globally.

In Asia-Pacific, South Korean airports appear to have recovered fully from the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) outbreak in 2015. Many airports reported robust growth for the month led by: Seoul Incheon (ICN) +22.5%, Busan (PUS) +17.8%, Jeju (CJU) +12.3%.

Domestic passenger travels continued to stimulate growth in India. Many airports reported growth in excess of 20% in August 2016. Top runners include: Ahmedabad (AMD) +26.2%, Goa (GOI) +25.6% and Hyderabad (HYD) +25.2%.

In China and Japan, growth in the current month was largely driven by gains in international passengers. Kunming (KMG) led growth in China at +11.7% and Naha (OKA) led in Japan at +11.5% in terms of total passenger traffic. Both airports recorded substantial international passenger growth of +21.7%.

In the Middle East, Muscat (MCT) and Doha (DOH) were in leading positions reporting passenger traffic gains at +18% and +17.4% respectively for the month.

Regarding air freight, despite global trade growth remaining sluggish, in August 2016 Asia-Pacific and Middle East generated increase at +4.5% and +3.5% respectively.

Top freight hubs in Asia-Pacific delivered solid increase for the month: Hong Kong (HKG) +3.5%, Shanghai Pudong (PVG) +2.6% and Incheon (ICN) +3.2%. Shenzhen (SZX) +13.11% generated the highest growth in the region.

The result in the Middle East was mixed, air freight volumes at the largest hub Dubai (DXB) shrank -3% for the month while Doha (DOH) continued to expand at a fast pace at +20.2%.

TABLE 1: Airports reporting highest preliminary year-on-year traffic growth rates in August 2016 ¹

Top 3 airports by size category ²				
Passenger				Freight
> 40M	25M to 40M	15M to 25M	5M to 15M	
Beijing (PEK) +6.8%	Tokyo Narita (NRT) +2.6%	Kansai (KIX) +3.7%	Osaka Itami (ITM) +4.3%	Hong Kong (HKG) +3.5%
Dubai (DXB) +6.1%	Shanghai Hongqiao (SHA) +5%	Seoul Gimpo (GMP) +5.5%	Phuket (HKT) +16.9%	Shanghai Pudong (PVG) +2.6%
Tokyo Haneda (HND) +4.5%	Doha (DOH) +17.4%	Abu Dhabi (AUH) +2.3%	Busan (PUS) +17.8%	Seoul Incheon (ICN) +3.2%

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. Size categories refer to the annual passenger traffic (in the last 12 months)

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