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Global passenger traffic continues to post modest gains at 1.8% year-over-year in February

MONTRÉAL, 10 April 2013 – Most of the aggregate level growth in passenger traffic for the month of February came from Asian airports. Both Hong Kong (HKG) and Beijing (PEK) reported robust growth rates of +15 and +7.3% respectively.

However HKG and PEK, in addition to many other Asian airports, witnessed a significant air freight decline in February 2013 compared with February 2012.

The seasonal factor of Chinese New Year taking place in February 2013, as compared with January 2012, is responsible for distorted February year-over-year freight results. During Chinese New Year, many businesses across Asia close. This factor, coupled with a high concentration of international air freight among Asia-Pacific airports has resulted in a 6.3% year-over-year decrease in total air freight and an 11.8% decrease in Asia-Pacific air freight.

Of all regions, only the Middle East posted gains in both passenger and freight traffic. Total passenger and air freight traffic grew by +9% year-over-year in Middle Eastern airports. Dubai (DXB), the region's key hub, experienced double-digit growth in passenger and freight traffic at +11.4 and +15.9% respectively.

ACI World's Economics Director Rafael Echevarne commented, "With the significant slowdown in domestic passenger traffic across European and North American markets, the source of much of the growth hinges on the international traveller. For the most part, international travel remains unaffected, particularly with respect to international traffic across the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. The continued growth trend through 2012 and into 2013 is evidence of this phenomenon in the face of on-going economic uncertainties. Year-over-year growth in these regions was over +10% in February. Overall, February is a difficult month to gage given that seasonality factors make their way into the data. Both The Chinese New Year and the 2012 Leap Year effect had negative repercussions on freight volumes."

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TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, February 2013 (% CHANGE)			
	February 2013 Over February 2012	Year to date 2013	12-month rolling year
PaxFlash			
International passenger	**4.2**	**3.7**	**4.9**
Domestic passenger	**(0.0)**	**0.1**	**1.7**
Total passenger	**1.8**	**1.7**	**3.2**
FreightFlash			
International freight	**(6.3)**	**(0.7)**	**(0.8)**
Domestic freight	**(6.3)**	**3.3**	**0.8**
Total freight	**(6.3)**	**0.6**	**(0.0)**

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Notes for editors

1. Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, has 573 member airport authorities, which operate over 1,751 airports in 174 countries. ACI's mission is to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations, and this mandate is carried out through the organization's multiple training opportunities, as well as the customer service benchmarking programme, a wide range of conferences, industry statistical products and best practice publications.

2. 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.

3. Regional results and trend graphics are provided on the following pages.

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TABLE 2: PaxFlash Summary – February 2013						
Regions	FEBRUARY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YTD FEBRUARY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru FEBRUARY 2013 (000s)	% YOY
International Passengers						
AFR	4 616	4.1	9 791	4.7	67 844	11.1
ASP	35 952	10.7	74 112	8.2	431 687	9.2
EUR	57 513	1.2	116 989	0.6	950 826	2.4
LAC	7 082	(1.0)	15 100	0.3	83 570	2.7
MEA	9 182	10.1	19 341	12.0	110 969	12.6
NAM	14 139	0.9	30 147	2.0	198 119	3.0
ACI TOTAL	128 484	4.2	265 481	3.7	1 843 016	4.9
Domestic Passengers						
AFR	2 439	(4.4)	4 827	(4.3)	31 043	(3.6)
ASP	51 367	4.2	103 784	1.7	638 469	4.2
EUR	18 585	(4.0)	37 086	(4.9)	271 239	(2.7)
LAC	13 407	0.4	29 206	2.0	179 711	6.6
MEA						
NAM	66 276	(2.0)	136 376	0.1	933 079	0.7
ACI TOTAL	152 073	(0.0)	311 279	0.1	2 053 542	1.7
Total Passengers						
AFR	7 157	0.9	14 840	1.5	100 247	6.0
ASP	88 175	6.7	179 681	4.3	1 071 344	6.1
EUR	76 387	(0.1)	154 687	(0.7)	1 226 177	1.2
LAC	21 139	(0.3)	45 770	1.1	271 942	5.1
MEA	9 359	9.3	19 713	11.2	113 311	12.0
NAM	80 443	(1.5)	166 627	0.4	1 133 400	1.1
ACI TOTAL	282 660	1.8	581 319	1.7	3 916 421	3.2

Traffic table definitions:

PASSENGER TRAFFIC: departing + arriving passengers (000s)

INTERNATIONAL: traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory

DOMESTIC: traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory

TOTAL: international + domestic passengers + direct transit passengers counted once (when breakdown is available)

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YOY Year over year same month comparison
YTD Year to date, starting February 2012, compared to same period previous year
YE Year end, based on rolling 12 month period, compared to same prior 12 month period

AFR – Africa	EUR – Europe	MEA – Middle East
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Passenger Traffic Growth Trends

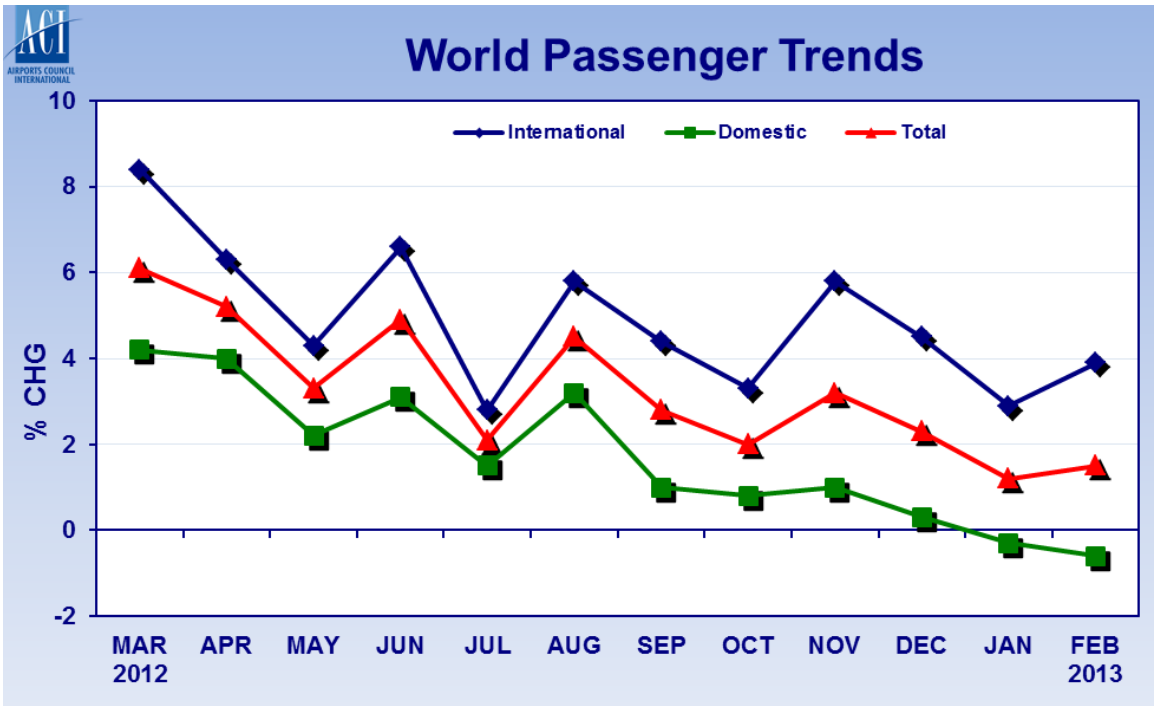

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TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – February 2013						
Regions	FEBRUARY 2013	% YOY	YTD FEBRUARY 2013	% YOY	YE thru FEBRUARY 2013	% YOY
International Freight						
AFR	30.4	(16.2)	57.3	(12.6)	406.9	(2.0)
ASP	1 258.7	(11.7)	2 659.0	(2.4)	18 072.5	(0.2)
EUR	1 043.3	(4.5)	2 094.4	(1.3)	13 920.2	(2.6)
LAC	139.7	(6.3)	282.5	(5.6)	1 965.7	(2.0)
MEA	297.2	9.0	601.2	10.4	3 813.7	4.9
NAM	514.7	(2.6)	1 044.5	1.2	6 645.7	(1.3)
ACI TOTAL	3 283.9	(6.3)	6 739.0	(0.7)	44 824.8	(0.8)
Domestic Freight						
AFR	2.5	(10.0)	4.0	(15.2)	26.8	1.8
ASP	378.0	(12.4)	919.8	5.8	6 248.0	2.7
EUR	48.0	(2.4)	94.7	(0.8)	645.2	(1.6)
LAC	64.9	(0.4)	125.2	(3.0)	873.8	0.1
MEA						
NAM	906.2	(4.1)	1 921.8	2.8	12 118.7	(0.1)
ACI TOTAL	1 399.7	(6.3)	3 065.5	3.3	19 912.6	0.8
Total Freight						
AFR	36.9	(14.5)	70.7	(10.6)	492.3	(1.6)
ASP	1 636.7	(11.8)	3 578.9	(0.4)	24 322.1	0.6
EUR	1 098.9	(4.5)	2 203.9	(1.2)	14 699.3	(2.5)
LAC	204.7	(4.5)	407.7	(4.9)	2 840.1	(1.4)
MEA	297.3	9.0	601.4	10.4	3 815.0	4.9
NAM	1 457.7	(3.5)	3 043.1	2.4	19 522.5	0.4
ACI TOTAL	4 732.1	(6.3)	9 905.7	0.6	65 691.4	(0.0)

Traffic table definitions:
FREIGHT TRAFFIC: loaded and unloaded freight; data in metric tonnes
INTERNATIONAL: traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory
DOMESTIC: traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory
TOTAL: international + domestic freight (when breakdown is available)
Note: No domestic freight traffic is reported by airports in the Middle East region.
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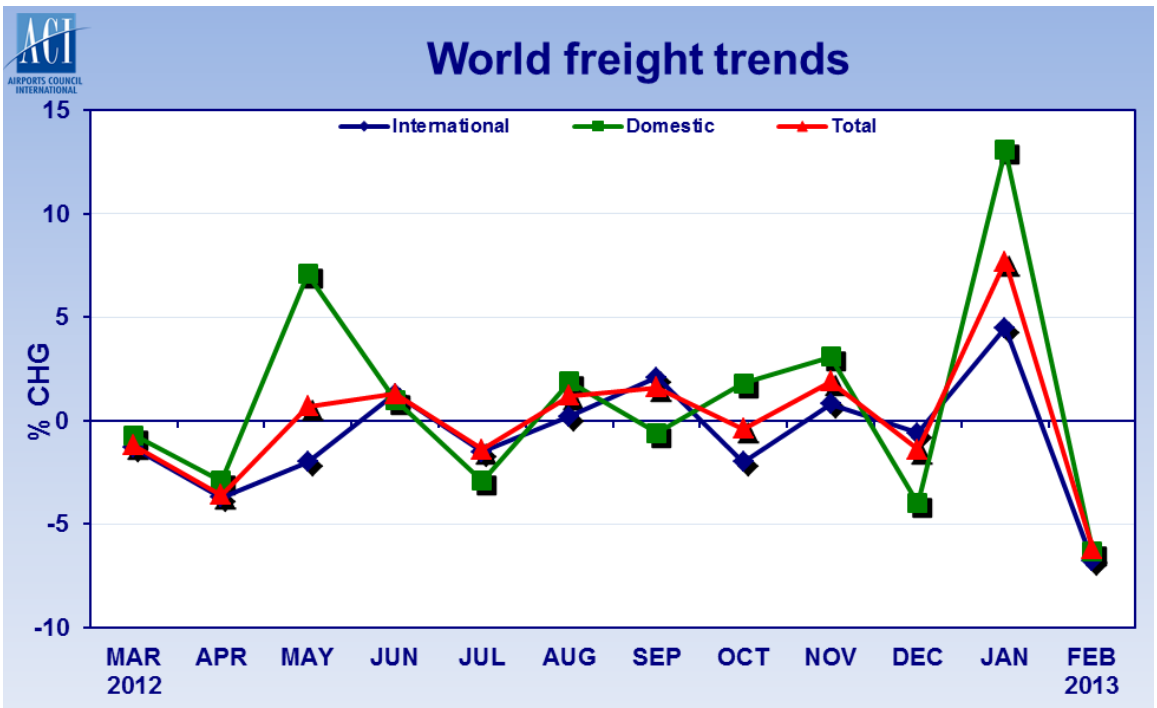
Freight Traffic Growth Trends



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