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Preliminary world airport traffic and rankings 2013
- High growth Dubai moves up to 7th busiest airport -

Montreal, 31 March 2014 – Based on reports from over 1105 airports worldwide, Airports Council International (ACI) preliminary passenger traffic results for 2013 show that the top six ranked positions with respect to the world's busiest airports remained unchanged as compared to the previous year. Although Atlanta (-1.1%) remains the world's busiest airport, Beijing (+2.2%) continues to close the gap in second position. London-Heathrow (+3.3%) remains in third while Tokyo-Haneda (+3.2%) preserves fourth position. Chicago-O'Hare (+0.2%) and Los Angeles (+4.7) maintain fifth and sixth ranks respectively.

One of the fastest-growing airports in the world is Dubai, moving from 10th to 7th rank. Dubai passenger traffic grew by over 15% in 2013. Istanbul (18th rank) and Malaysia (20th rank) were two other airports experiencing double-digit growth rates, increasing by 13.6% and 19.1% respectively.

The world's largest air cargo hub continues to be Hong Kong (+2.3%). Memphis (+3%) is in second followed by Shanghai (-0.3%) in third rank. Incheon (+0.3%) and Dubai (+6.8%) move up ahead of Anchorage (-1.7%) to the 4th and 5th positions respectively (see tables 1, 2 and 3).

Global summary

The global economy remains in a vulnerable state moving forward into 2014. As many advanced economies continued to experience varying degrees of recovery, with the ongoing risks in the euro area and fiscal imbalances in the United States, emerging markets also felt the burden of the slowdown.

Passenger traffic remained resilient in the face of the global uncertainties and downside risks that beleaguered many economies in 2013. While airports in the developed economies of Europe and North America experienced modest gains in passenger traffic with year-over-year growth of +2.9% and +1.1% respectively, air transport markets in emerging economies continue to show buoyant activity. Both the Middle East and Asia-Pacific posted robust growth in passenger traffic at 9.2% and 7.4% respectively. Overall global passenger traffic grew at a rate of 4% while aircraft movements were almost flat as compared to 2012.

Air cargo inched up only slightly by 0.7%. The volume of air cargo has remained at essentially the same levels over the last three years. Most regions remained relatively weak in relation to year-over-year growth rates with the exception of the Middle East (+5.1%). A third of the world's top 30 busiest cargo airports experienced declines in 2013.

“The airport that really makes its mark in 2013 is Dubai (DXB),” says ACI World’s Economics Director Rafael Echevarne. “Aviation’s nucleus appears to be moving eastward. With double-digit growth rates in passenger traffic for 2013, Dubai is likely to move up several spots again in the 2014 rankings, solidifying its status as the major hub connecting the east and west. Other emerging markets such as Turkey, China and South East Asia that have a critical mass of traffic also remain major contributors to the upward surge in air transport demand. This trend will continue into 2014.”

Summary: Preliminary results for 2013 compared to 2012

Total passengers: +4.0%
Total international passengers: +5.4%
Total cargo (includes mail): +0.7%
Total international freight: +0.9%
Total aircraft movements: +0.1%

** Please note that all figures and percentages are based on summed monthly data submissions by 1105 airports. The final confirmed report will be published in summer 2013 and will include 1400+ airports; therefore, figures are subject to variation.*

Notes for editors

1. ACI, the only worldwide association of airports, is a non-profit organization whose prime purpose is to represent the interests of airports and to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations. ACI has 591 members who operate over 1,861 airports in 177 countries.

2. Please note that preliminary results are based on the submissions of over 1105 reporting entities. The final confirmed report, which will be published in summer 2013, will include any outstanding airport reports. As a result, figures are subject to variation.

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Charts and tables

WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORTS – Preliminary ranking

Table 1 – TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2013

RANK	AIRPORT CITY / COUNTRY/CODE	PASSENGERS	
		(Enplaning and deplaning)	Percent change
1	ATLANTA GA, US (ATL)	94 431 224	-1.1
2	BEIJING, CN (PEK)	83 712 355	2.2
3	LONDON, GB (LHR)	72 368 061	3.3
4	TOKYO, JP (HND)	68 906 509	3.2
5	CHICAGO IL, US (ORD)	66 777 161	0.2
6	LOS ANGELES CA, US (LAX)	66 667 619	4.7
7	DUBAI, AE (DXB)	66 431 533	15.2
8	PARIS, FR (CDG)	62 052 917	0.7
9	DALLAS/FORT WORTH TX, US (DFW)	60 470 507	3.2
10	JAKARTA, ID (CGK)	60 137 347	4.1
11	HONG KONG, HK (HKG)	59 594 290	6.3
12	FRANKFURT, DE (FRA)	58 036 948	0.9
13	SINGAPORE, SG (SIN)	53 726 087	5.0
14	AMSTERDAM, NL (AMS)	52 569 200	3.0
15	DENVER CO, US (DEN)	52 556 359	-1.1
16	GUANGZHOU, CN (CAN)	52 450 262	8.6
17	BANGKOK, TH (BKK)	51 363 451	-3.1
18	ISTANBUL, TR (IST)	51 172 626	13.6
19	NEW YORK NY, US (JFK)	50 423 765	2.3
20	KUALA LUMPUR, MY (KUL)	47 498 127	19.1
21	SHANGHAI, CN (PVG)	47 189 849	5.2
22	SAN FRANCISCO CA, US (SFO)	44 945 760	1.2
23	CHARLOTTE NC, US (CLT)	43 457 471	5.4
24	INCHEON, KR (ICN)	41 679 758	6.5
25	LAS VEGAS NV, US (LAS)	40 933 037	0.3
26	MIAMI FL, US (MIA)	40 562 948	2.8
27	PHOENIX AZ, US (PHX)	40 341 614	-0.3
28	HOUSTON TX, US (IAH)	39 799 414	-0.2
29	MADRID, ES (MAD)	39 717 850	-12.1
30	MUNICH, DE (MUC)	38 672 644	0.8

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Table 2 – TOTAL CARGO TRAFFIC 2013

RANK	AIRPORT	CARGO (Metric tonnes)	
		Loaded and unloaded	Percent change
1	HONG KONG, HK (HKG)	4 161 718	2.3
2	MEMPHIS TN, US (MEM)	4 137 801	3.0
3	SHANGHAI, CN (PVG)	2 928 527	-0.3
4	INCHEON, KR (ICN)	2 464 384	0.3
5	DUBAI, AE (DXB)	2 435 567	6.8
6	ANCHORAGE AK, US (ANC)	2 421 145	-1.7
7	LOUISVILLE KY, US (SDF)	2 216 079	2.2
8	FRANKFURT, DE (FRA)	2 094 453	1.4
9	PARIS, FR (CDG)	2 069 200	-3.8
10	TOKYO, JP (NRT)	2 019 844	0.7
11	MIAMI FL, US (MIA)	1 945 012	0.8
12	SINGAPORE, SG (SIN)	1 885 978	0.8
13	BEIJING, CN (PEK)	1 843 681	2.4
14	LOS ANGELES CA, US (LAX)	1 747 284	-1.9
15	TAIPEI, TW (TPE)	1 571 814	-0.4
16	AMSTERDAM, NL (AMS)	1 565 961	3.6
17	LONDON, GB (LHR)	1 515 056	-2.6
18	GUANGZHOU, CN (CAN)	1 309 746	4.9
19	NEW YORK NY, US (JFK)	1 295 473	0.8
20	BANGKOK, TH (BKK)	1 236 223	-8.1
21	CHICAGO IL, US (ORD)	1 228 791	-2.0
22	INDIANAPOLIS IN, US (IND)	991 953	6.4
23	TOKYO, JP (HND)	954 446	4.9
24	SHENZHEN, CN (SZX)	913 472	6.9
25	DOHA, QA (DOH)	883 264	4.6
26	LEIPZIG, DE (LEJ)	878 024	3.8
27	COLOGNE, DE (CGN)	717 146	-1.8
28	KUALA LUMPUR, MY (KUL)	713 254	1.6
29	ABU DHABI, AE (AUH)	712 488	24.1
30	OSAKA, JP (KIX)	682 338	-5.6

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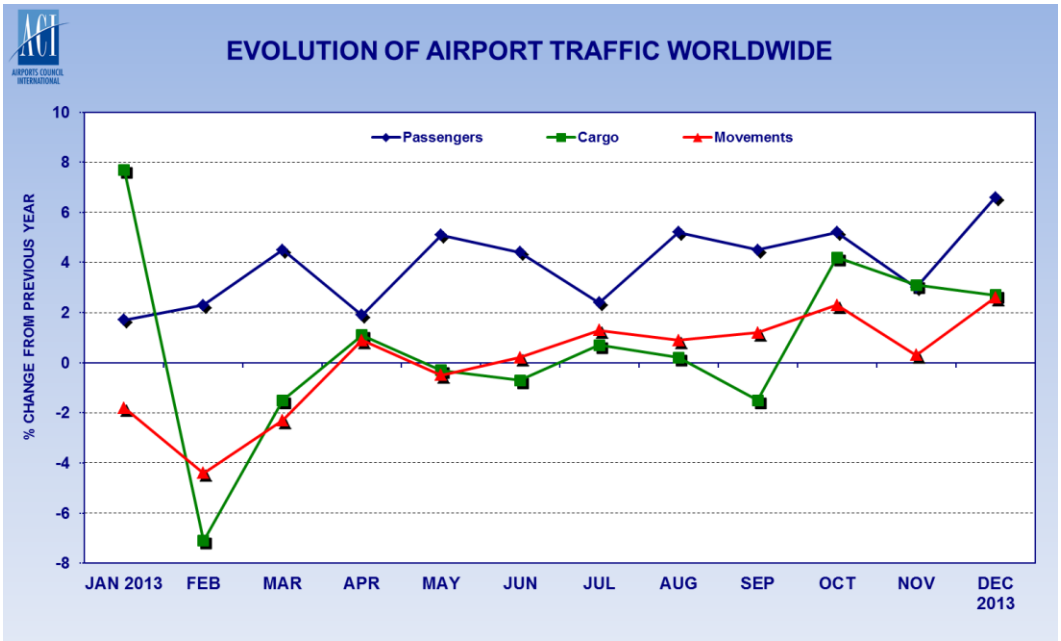
Table 3 – AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS 2013

RANK	AIRPORT	MOVEMENTS	
		Take-off and landings	Percent change
1	ATLANTA GA, US (ATL)	911 074	-2.1
2	CHICAGO IL, US (ORD)	883 287	0.6
3	DALLAS/FORT WORTH TX, US (DFW)	678 059	4.3
4	LOS ANGELES CA, US (LAX)	614 917	1.6
5	DENVER CO, US (DEN)	582 653	-4.9
6	BEIJING, CN (PEK)	567 759	1.9
7	CHARLOTTE NC, US (CLT)	557 948	1.1
8	LAS VEGAS NV, US (LAS)	520 992	-1.3
9	HOUSTON TX, US (IAH)	496 908	-1.2
10	PARIS, FR (CDG)	478 306	-3.9
11	FRANKFURT, DE (FRA)	472 692	-2.0
12	LONDON, GB (LHR)	471 938	-0.7
13	PHOENIX AZ, US (PHX)	459 434	0.3
14	AMSTERDAM, NL (AMS)	440 057	0.5
15	PHILADELPHIA PA, US (PHL)	432 884	-2.3
16	MINNEAPOLIS MN, US (MSP)	431 328	1.4
17	TORONTO ON, CA (YYZ)	431 323	-0.6
18	DETROIT MI, US (DTW)	425 732	-0.5
19	SAN FRANCISCO CA, US (SFO)	421 400	-0.8
20	NEWARK NJ, US (EWR)	413 581	-0.1
21	ISTANBUL, TR (IST)	406 482	11.6
22	NEW YORK NY, US (JFK)	406 419	1.2
23	TOKYO, JP (HND)	403 242	3.1
24	MIAMI FL, US (MIA)	399 140	2.0
25	JAKARTA, ID (CGK)	398 985	4.7
26	MEXICO CITY, MX (MEX)	396 567	5.0
27	GUANGZHOU, CN (CAN)	394 403	5.7
28	HONG KONG, HK (HKG)	382 782	5.7
29	MUNICH, DE (MUC)	381 951	-4.0
30	NEW YORK NY, US (LGA)	374 658	1.3



WORLDWIDE AIRPORT TRAFFIC REPORT SUMMARY

Preliminary results 2013

STATS REGIONS	PASSENGERS	Percent change	CARGO	Percent change	MOVEMENTS	Percent change
AFR	144 973 849	0.3	1 484 608	-3.2	2 236 029	0.9
ASP	1 440 390 932	7.4	30 579 609	1.0	11 713 119	5.9
EUR	1 625 422 280	2.9	17 201 524	0.6	18 331 042	-1.5
LAC	440 626 777	5.7	4 747 493	-1.1	6 521 050	-0.2
MEA	222 116 498	9.2	5 979 047	5.1	1 836 275	4.1
NAM	1 513 989 112	1.1	26 898 033	0.1	25 700 491	-1.4
ACI	5 387 519 448	4.0	86 890 314	0.7	66 338 006	0.1

Passengers: Total passengers enplaned and deplaned; passengers in transit counted once
Cargo: Loaded and unloaded freight and mail in metric tonnes
Movements: Landing or take-off of an aircraft

Number of participating airports by region included in this summary in 2013: 1105
AFR: 113; ASP: 142; EUR: 450; LAC: 205; MEA: 18; NAM: 177

INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER & FREIGHT SUMMARY
Preliminary results 2013

STATS REGIONS	INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS	Percent change	INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT	Percent change
AFR	93 601 049	0.7	1 333 515	-3.1
ASP	532 101 331	8.5	21 184 567	0.3
EUR	1 183 957 053	4.0	15 094 088	0.8
LAC	119 324 463	4.2	3 123 622	-2.8
MEA	194 173 614	10.0	5 846 925	5.3
NAM	221 627 145	4.1	9 282 723	1.4
ACI	2 344 784 655	5.4	55 865 440	0.9

International (Passengers/Freight): Traffic (passengers and freight) performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory

Freight comprises goods, newspapers, diplomatic bags, parcel post and express parcel; does not include passenger baggage and trucked freight; loaded and unloaded in metric tonnes.

Number of participating airports by region included in the international summary in 2013: 760
AFR: 95 ASP: 103 EUR: 336 LAC: 127 MEA: 18 NAM: 81

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