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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance March 2012

Pax ('000s) ¹	March 2012			Year to Date		
	Mar-12	Mar-11	Growth (%)	YTD-12	YTD-11	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,070	2,075	-0.3%	5,887	5,926	-0.7%
International ²	968	891	+8.6%	3,065	2,934	+4.5%
DOC ³	7	3	+105.8%	22	13	+69.8%
Total	3,044	2,970	+2.5%	8,974	8,873	+1.1%

¹ Any adjustments to preliminary statistics will be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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CEO, Ms Kerrie Mather said, "Sydney Airport recorded very strong international passenger growth of 8.6% during March. Australian outbound travel growth of 11% was the key driver of this result, with Australians continuing to take advantage of airline capacity increases on Middle Eastern and Asian routes. The airport is well positioned to capture further growth during the year, with AirAsia X's daily service to Kuala Lumpur and the imminent launch of Scoot's daily service to Singapore providing new low-fare capacity to Asia.

"International passenger traffic was also well supported by growth in key inbound markets. The resilience of the Chinese market is demonstrated by the return of exceptionally strong growth of 24% in March, supported by impressive growth in the Indonesian and Indian markets. It is also pleasing to see the rebound in the Japanese and New Zealand markets reflecting the continued recovery from natural disasters in early 2011."

Key Points

- Total passenger traffic for March is estimated to have increased 2.5% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to be down 0.3% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 8.6% on the pcp.
- For international traffic, the major nationality markets that grew included Australian outbound (+11%), Indonesia (46%), Japan (+28%), China (+24%), India (+10%), Korea (+6%), New Zealand (+4%), the USA (+2%) and the UK (+2%). France (-7%) and Germany (-6%) were the major nationality markets that declined.
- The result for the month is likely to have benefited from Easter falling two weeks earlier in April this year relative to 2011, with some travel being brought forward to late March.
- AirAsia X commenced its daily A330-300 service to Kuala Lumpur on 2 April 2012.
- Virgin Australia commenced its daily B737 service to Darwin on 2 April 2012.
- Qantas commenced its three times weekly B747 service to Santiago, Chile on 26 March 2012. Together with oneworld partner LAN, the two airlines offer 10 weekly flights to Santiago.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	Total	Total	Growth
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr 11 - Mar 12	Apr 10 - Mar 11	%
Dom	2,044	1,961	1,813	2,056	1,998	2,005	2,057	2,042	2,030	1,968	1,849	2,070	23,892	24,277	-1.6%
Int	956	853	875	1,030	928	977	1,027	947	1,107	1,167	931	968	11,765	11,332	+3.8%
DOC	6	4	5	5	5	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	75	83	-9.6%
Total	3,006	2,817	2,693	3,091	2,932	2,989	3,090	2,996	3,144	3,142	2,787	3,044	35,732	35,691	+0.1%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts.

Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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