

Travel And Tourism Arrivals Across Asia Pacific Expanded 4.5% in Q1 2006

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That translates into nearly 3.5 million more arrivals for Asia Pacific destinations, year-on-year.

PATA's 'First Quarter 2006 Quarterly Statistical Report' ('QSR') shows which Asia Pacific destinations attracted the most increases in international visitor arrivals and from which source markets.

The top five origin-destination % growth performances for first quarter 2006 compared to first quarter 2005, (where passenger traffic was 25,000 or more) were:-

- 1) Russian Federation to Thailand (+138.2%)
- 2) China (PRC) to Thailand (+131.8%)
- 3) Italy to the Maldives (+126.9%)
- 4) Korea (ROK) to Thailand (+89.7%)
- 5) China (PRC) to Philippines (+87.1%)

"Thailand clearly bounced back from the post-tsunami declines it suffered in the first three months of 2005," said PATA Director-Strategic Intelligence Centre Mr John Koldowski.

In purely % growth terms, irrespective of volume, top five origin-destination growth performances for first quarter 2006 compared to first quarter 2005, were:-

- 1) Sweden to Bhutan (+200.0%)
- 2) Indonesia to Chinese Taipei (+145.0%)
- 3) Brunei to Cambodia (+143.6)
- 4) Russian Federation to Thailand (+138.2%)
- 5) Malaysia to Tahiti (+136.4%)

The top five origin-destination pairs with the greatest volume gains in first quarter 2006 over first quarter 2005 were:-

- 1) Hong Kong SAR to China (PRC) (+680,681)
- 2) China (PRC) to Hong Kong SAR (+553,052)
- 3) China (PRC) to Macau SAR (+492,748)
- 4) Hong Kong SAR to Macau SAR (+237,802)
- 5) Canada to USA (+150,232)

PATA's 'First Quarter 2006 Quarterly Statistical Report' ('QSR'), which was released last week, can be purchased at www.pata.org/catalogue. PATA members are eligible for discounts.

Each 'QSR' includes visitor arrivals by country of origin, outbound travel data for selected PATA-member destinations, percentage changes over the same quarter of the previous year and an update of four years' worth of monthly arrivals and departures data.

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