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ADELAIDE AIRPORT WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO HOST GLOBAL AIRLINE SUMMIT

Adelaide Airport has welcomed the announcement by CAPA - Centre for Aviation (CAPA) - the leading provider of independent aviation market intelligence, analysis and data services - that the airport will host the CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit in 2022 together with the South Australian Tourism Commission.

Representatives from Adelaide Airport attended this year's CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit held in Sydney last week to make the announcement to 300+ aviation, travel and corporate travel delegates from across the country, as well as 170+ virtual delegates streaming the event live around the world.

The CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit will be held in September 2022 to explore a range of issues facing the industry – with a focus on domestic and international capacity recovery as well as sustainable aviation.

The Summit is expected to again bring more than 300 aviation and corporate travel executives from airlines, airports and suppliers together in what is widely regarded as the largest strategic aviation summit in the Australia Pacific region.

The Summit will also attract airline leaders from across the aviation industry, with past speakers including the chief executives of Qantas, Virgin Australia, Air New Zealand, Jetstar, Etihad, Garuda Indonesia, Citilink, Malaysia Airlines, Royal Brunei Airlines, Fiji Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, SriLankan Airlines, AirAsia X, Scoot, Nok Air, VietJet, Cebu Pacific and Regional Express.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Brenton Cox, said the CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit offered an exciting opportunity to showcase to airlines and the aviation industry what Adelaide and South Australia had to offer.

“Adelaide was Australia’s fastest growing airport for international passenger numbers before the pandemic - we’re keen to recover and then further grow our international network over the next few years,” Mr Cox said.

“We’ve been able to grow the number of destinations available nonstop within our domestic network over the past 12 months and, as demand for direct flying increases, translate that approach into our international network post COVID.

“Hosting the CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit creates opportunities for our stakeholders to talk directly with airline network planners and other airports to achieve mid to long-term growth.”

CAPA Managing Director, Derek Sadubin said:

“We are excited to announce the return of CAPA’s pre-eminent aviation and travel industry event, which will bring the leaders of our sector into Adelaide and South Australia.”

“As we enjoy our first foray back into in-person events at the CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit this week, it’s clear that nothing can truly replace the buzz inside a CAPA Summit room created by hundreds of travel industry representatives connecting face-to-face, so we are eager to continue to deliver in-person events in the new year,” he added.

South Australian Tourism Commission chief executive Rodney Harrex said the CAPA Aviation Summit will bring focus to Adelaide at a time when the rebuilding of domestic and international aviation is critical.

“By bringing the leaders of the aviation sector to Adelaide in 2022, we are able to showcase our capabilities and potential to grow our airline services to the state. It allows us to reinforce our tourism and trade assets, our world-class airport and our capabilities in hosting fantastic business events,” he said.

The 2022 CAPA Australia Pacific Aviation Summit will be a two-day event, held at Adelaide Convention Centre. South Australia is already a favourite of the aviation sector, having hosted the world’s largest aviation trade forum, World Routes 2019 when over 2000 international delegates came to Adelaide.

For more information on the Summit, please visit www.apas22.capaevents.com.