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AirAsia X Records 40.7% Passenger Growth in the Third Quarter of 2012

SEPANG, 27 November 2012 –AirAsia X, the long-haul, low fare airline, has recorded strong growth again in the third quarter of 2012, carrying 0.64 million passengers, representing growth of 40.7% over the same quarter in 2011 for continuing routes*. AirAsia X added services to Kathmandu in July 2012, bringing its route network to 12 destinations globally.

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For the first nine months of 2012, AirAsia X has carried a total of 1.91 million passengers, reflecting an increase of 1.7% from the same period in 2011. Although RPKs and ASKs have contracted by 2.8% and 5.3%, respectively, in comparison with 2011, the company has recorded a higher load factor of 84%, an increase of 4.5 ppt over the same period in 2011.

Cargo operations also continue to be strong, with AirAsia X carrying 7,251 tonnes of freight in the third quarter and 19,714 tonnes for the first nine months of 2012, registering growth of 13% growth over the first nine months of 2011 for its continuing routes*.

Azran Osman-Rani, CEO of AirAsia X said, "AirAsia X will continue to focus on increasing capacity in our identified core markets including Australia, China, Taiwan Korea, and Japan. Moving forward, we are set to grow our fleet with an additional 24 A330-300 aircraft between 2013 and 2017 which will see AirAsia X expand further in the long-haul segment across Asia Pacific. Our move to KLIA 2 next year will also provide us the right infrastructure and enhanced ground facilities needed to support our growing network and feeder traffic for better connectivity within the AirAsia Group."

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***excluding London, Paris, Mumbai, Delhi and Christchurch, which were suspended earlier this year**

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About AirAsia Group

AirAsia, the leading and largest low-cost carrier in Asia, services the most extensive network with 85 destinations. Within 10 years of operations, AirAsia has carried over 152 million guests and grown its fleet from just two aircraft to approximately 106. The airline today is proud to be a truly ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) airline with established operations based in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines servicing a network stretching across all ASEAN countries, China, India, Sri Lanka and Australia. AirAsia was named the World's Best Low Cost Airline in the annual World Airline Survey by Skytrax for four consecutive years in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

About AirAsia X

AirAsia X is the low-cost, long-haul affiliate carrier of the AirAsia Group that currently flies to destinations in China, Australia, Taiwan, Korea Japan and Nepal. The airline currently flies to 12 destinations across 6 countries and operates a fleet of 9 Airbus A330-300s, each with a seat configuration of 12 Premium Flatbeds and 365 Economy seats. The airline has carried over 8 million guests since it commenced long-haul in 2007. Our vision is to further solidify our position as the global leader in low-cost, long-haul aviation and create the first global multi-hub low-cost carrier network along with other carriers of the AirAsia Group.

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