

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November 2017

Commission File Number: 001-14550

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Board Secretariat's Office

Kong Gang San Lu, Number 88

Shanghai, China 200335

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

China Eastern Airlines
Corporation Limited
(Registrant)

Date November 16, 2017 **By/s/** Wang Jian
Name: Wang Jian
Title: Company Secretary

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INSIDE INFORMATION

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT ON OPERATING DATA FOR OCTOBER 2017

This overseas regulatory announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 and Rule 13.10B of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Listing Rules**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The Company and all members of the board of directors confirm that the information contained in this announcement is true, accurate and complete, and no misrepresentations, misleading statements or material omissions are contained herein.

I. OPERATING DATA

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	Estimated amount for October 2017	Actual amount completed in October 2016	Year-on-year increase		estimated amount for January to October 2017	amount completed in January to October 2016	Year-on-year increase	
Passenger Transportation Data								
ASK (available seat – kilometres) (millions)	19,655.35	17,860.33	10.1	%	187,898.21	171,550.15	9.5	%
– Domestic routes	12,198.42	11,302.57	7.9	%	116,878.66	107,747.58	8.5	%
– International routes	6,941.32	6,098.63	13.8	%	66,083.96	59,099.81	11.8	%
– Regional routes	515.60	459.13	12.3	%	4,935.59	4,702.77	5.0	%
RPK (revenue passenger – kilometres) (millions)								
RPK (revenue passenger – kilometres) (millions)	15,735.58	14,549.42	8.2	%	152,691.68	140,119.19	9.0	%
– Domestic routes	10,117.13	9,542.92	6.0	%	97,176.10	89,003.48	9.2	%
– International routes	5,201.86	4,660.46	11.6	%	51,569.67	47,482.70	8.6	%
– Regional routes	416.58	346.04	20.4	%	3,945.92	3,633.01	8.6	%

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	Estimated amount for October 2017	Actual amount completed in October 2016	Year-on-year increase		Total estimated amount for January to October 2017	Total actual amount completed in January to October 2016	Year-on-year increase	
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	9,628.58	8,956.15	7.5	%	92,204.91	85,238.20	8.2	%
– Domestic routes	8,100.60	7,563.69	7.1	%	77,004.91	70,500.73	9.2	%
– International routes	1,221.85	1,135.76	7.6	%	12,287.49	12,049.42	2.0	%
– Regional routes	306.14	256.71	19.3	%	2,912.50	2,688.04	8.4	%
Passenger load factor (%)	80.06	81.46	–1.40	pts	81.26	81.68	–0.42	pts
– Domestic routes	82.94	84.43	–1.49	pts	83.14	82.60	0.54	pts
– International routes	74.94	76.42	–1.48	pts	78.04	80.34	–2.31	pts
– Regional routes	80.79	75.37	5.43	pts	79.95	77.25	2.70	pts
Freight Transportation Data AFTK (available freight tonne – kilometres) (millions)	609.48	551.72	10.5	%	5,904.23	5,472.31	7.9	%
– Domestic routes	193.76	189.16	2.4	%	1,867.70	1,790.27	4.3	%
– International routes	400.28	350.48	14.2	%	3,880.47	3,559.87	9.0	%
– Regional routes	15.45	12.08	27.9	%	156.06	122.18	27.7	%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne – kilometres) (millions)	230.55	218.26	5.6	%	2,201.26	2,068.72	6.4	%
– Domestic routes	78.01	84.14	–7.3	%	726.33	748.79	–3.0	%
– International routes	148.90	131.26	13.4	%	1,437.32	1,287.83	11.6	%
– Regional routes	3.65	2.85	27.9	%	37.61	32.10	17.2	%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	80.77	82.65	–2.3	%	762.45	758.35	0.5	%
– Domestic routes	56.92	60.33	–5.6	%	523.75	538.04	–2.7	%
– International routes	20.80	19.87	4.7	%	207.20	193.19	7.3	%
– Regional routes	3.05	2.45	24.3	%	31.50	27.12	16.1	%
Freight load factor (%)	37.83	39.56	–1.73	pts	37.28	37.80	–0.52	pts
– Domestic routes	40.26	44.48	–4.22	pts	38.89	41.83	–2.94	pts
– International routes	37.20	37.45	–0.25	pts	37.04	36.18	0.86	pts
– Regional routes	23.62	23.61	0.01	pts	24.10	26.27	–2.17	pts

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Consolidated Data ATK (available tonne – kilometres) (millions)	2,378.46	2,159.15	10.2	%	22,815.07	20,911.83	9.1	%
– Domestic routes	1,291.61	1,206.40	7.1	%	12,386.78	11,487.55	7.8	%
– International routes	1,025.00	899.35	14.0	%	9,828.02	8,878.85	10.7	%
– Regional routes	61.85	53.40	15.8	%	600.27	545.43	10.1	%
RTK (revenue tonne – kilometres) (millions)	1,626.27	1,513.77	7.4	%	15,677.42	14,458.79	8.4	%
– Domestic routes	974.72	933.89	4.4	%	9,310.88	8,631.60	7.9	%
– International routes	610.99	546.29	11.8	%	5,981.13	5,474.59	9.3	%
– Regional routes	40.56	33.58	20.8	%	385.41	352.60	9.3	%
Overall load factor (%)	68.37	70.11	–1.73	pts	68.72	69.14	–0.43	pts
– Domestic routes	75.47	77.41	–1.95	pts	75.17	75.14	0.03	pts
– International routes	59.61	60.74	–1.13	pts	60.86	61.66	–0.80	pts
– Regional routes	65.58	62.89	2.69	pts	64.21	64.65	–0.44	pts

Notes:

As China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”) completed the disposal of the entire equity interest in Eastern Air Logistics Co., Ltd.* () (“**Eastern Logistics**”) to Eastern Airlines Industry Investment Company Limited* () (“**Eastern Investment**”, a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Eastern Air Holding Company* 1. controlling shareholder of the Company) in early February 2017, the freight data and consolidated monthly data of the Company since February 2017 and subsequent months shall not include the freight data of all freighters, but only freight data of bellyhold space in passenger aircraft. The data for the corresponding period of last year shall no longer include the freight data of all freighters and shall be adjusted to comparable basis.

2. Please refer to the latest annual report or interim report of the Company for the definitions of the indicators.

II. FLEET STRUCTURE

In October 2017, the Company introduced six aircraft (two A320 aircraft and four B737-800 aircraft), and retired two aircraft (one A319 aircraft and one B767 aircraft).

As the Company completed the disposal of the entire equity interest in Eastern Logistics to Eastern Investment in early February 2017, the fleet data of the Company shall no longer include the freight data operated by China Cargo Airlines Co., Limited* (), a controlled subsidiary of Eastern Logistics. As at the end of October 2017, details of fleet structure of aircraft of the Company are as follows:

No.	Model	Self-owned	<i>(Units)</i>		Sub-total
			Under finance lease	Under operating lease	
	Wide-body passenger aircraft	30	42	10	82
1	B777-300ER	9	11	0	20
2	B767	5	0	0	5
3	A330-200	15	15	3	33
4	A330-300	1	16	7	24
	Narrow-body passenger aircraft	218	182	129	529
5	B737-700	42	13	2	57
6	B737-800	46	60	80	186
7	A319	13	20	2	35
8	A320	79	52	45	176
9	A321	38	37	0	75
	Total	248	224	139	611

Note: The ten business aircraft held under trust of the Company were not included in the fleet.

III. BRIEF EXPLANATION ON OPERATING DATA

In relation to passenger traffic, passenger transportation capacity (measured by available seat-kilometres) of the Company in October 2017 increased by 10.1% year-on-year, passenger traffic (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 8.2% year-on-year, and passenger load factor decreased by 1.4 percentage points

to 80.06% year- on-year.

Freight transportation capacity (measured by available freight tonne-kilometres) of the Company in October 2017 increased by 10.5% year-on-year. Freight traffic volume (measured by revenue freight tonne-kilometres) increased by 5.6% year-on-year, while freight load factor decreased by 1.73 percentage points to 37.83% year-on-year.

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In October 2017, the Company launched new international routes such as Shanghai-Xi'an-Prague and Yantai-Fuzhou-Singapore and new domestic routes such as Lanzhou-Sanya, Chengdu-Yantai and Wuhan-Shantou.

IV. RISK ALERT

The board of directors of the Company hereby reminds investors that the operating data set forth above was compiled in accordance with the Company's internal information which has not been audited and may be subject to adjustment. The operating data set forth above may differ from the data disclosed in any regular report for the relevant period. The Company reserves its rights to adjust the operating data based on audit findings and the actual situation. The monthly operating data disclosed by the Company only serves as preliminary and periodical data for investors' reference. Investors are hereby reminded of the investment risks which may result from inappropriate reliance upon or utilization of the information above.

The data set forth above is published on the website of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (www.sse.com.cn), the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (www.hkex.com.hk) and the column "Investor Relations" on the website of the Company (www.ceair.com).

By order of the Board

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORPORATION LIMITED

Wang Jian

Company Secretary

Shanghai, the People's Republic of China

16 November 2017

**for identification purpose only*

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include Liu Shaoyong (Chairman), Ma Xulun (Vice Chairman, President), Li Yangmin (Director, Vice President), Xu Zhao (Director), Gu Jiadan (Director), Tang Bing (Director, Vice President), Tian Liuwen (Director, Vice President), Li Ruoshan (Independent non-executive Director), Ma Weihua (Independent non-executive Director), Shao Ruiqing (Independent non-executive Director) and Cai Hongping (Independent non-executive Director).