

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2017

Commission File Number: 001-14550

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Board Secretariat's Office

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(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 January 17, 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 DECEMBER 2016

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.

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I. OPERATING DATA

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	Estimated amount for December 2016	Actual amount completed in December 2015	Increase from December 2015 to December 2016		Total estimated amount for 2016	Total actual amount completed in 2015	Increase from 2015 to 2016	
Passenger Transportation Data								
ASK (available seat kilometres)(millions)								
– Domestic routes	10,948.24	10,014.97	9.3	%	129,456.25	121,019.00	7.0	%
– International routes	6,416.73	5,128.56	25.1	%	71,180.88	55,264.62	28.8	%
– Regional routes	474.86	469.03	1.2	%	5,612.21	5,509.28	1.9	%
RPK (revenue passenger kilometres)(millions)								
– Domestic routes	8,671.79	7,729.29	12.2	%	106,356.18	98,304.47	8.2	%
– International routes	5,020.16	3,916.53	28.2	%	56,820.33	43,848.84	29.6	%
– Regional routes	372.53	350.42	6.3	%	4,346.64	4,189.11	3.8	%

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Number of passengers carried (thousands)	8,292.95	7,459.13	11.2	%	101,741.71	93,779.95	8.5	%	
– Domestic routes	6,821.06	6,183.15	10.3	%	84,200.17	78,422.38	7.4	%	
– International routes	1,195.67	1,017.03	17.6	%	14,325.53	12,265.16	16.8	%	
– Regional routes	276.23	258.95	6.7	%	3,216.02	3,092.41	4.0	%	
Passenger load factor (%)	78.84	76.84	2.00	pts	81.22	80.50	0.72	pts	
– Domestic routes	79.21	77.18	2.03	pts	82.16	81.23	0.93	pts	
– International routes	78.24	76.37	1.87	pts	79.83	79.34	0.48	pts	
– Regional routes	78.45	74.71	3.74	pts	77.45	76.04	1.41	pts	
Freight Transportation Data									
AFTK (available freight tonne – kilometres)(millions)	827.23	803.02	3.0	%	9,439.79	8,841.67	6.8	%	
– Domestic routes	192.81	196.36	–1.8	%	2,220.53	2,336.74	–5.0	%	
– International routes	609.76	581.85	4.8	%	6,949.15	6,223.65	11.7	%	
– Regional routes	24.67	24.81	–0.6	%	270.11	281.28	–4.0	%	
RFTK (revenue freight tonne – kilometres)(millions)	454.92	448.74	1.4	%	4,874.96	4,865.12	0.2	%	
– Domestic routes	91.25	92.38	–1.2	%	963.34	947.99	1.6	%	
– International routes	351.64	344.71	2.0	%	3,786.01	3,791.06	–0.1	%	
– Regional routes	12.02	11.65	3.2	%	125.61	126.07	–0.4	%	
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	132.49	129.34	2.4	%	1,395.03	1,399.42	–0.3	%	
– Domestic routes	67.99	68.11	–0.2	%	707.18	693.49	2.0	%	
– International routes	54.51	51.89	5.0	%	584.80	604.29	–3.2	%	
– Regional routes	9.99	9.34	7.0	%	103.04	101.65	1.4	%	
Freight load factor (%)	54.99	55.88	–0.89	pts	51.64	55.02	–3.38	pts	
– Domestic routes	47.33	47.05	0.28	pts	43.38	40.57	2.81	pts	
– International routes	57.67	59.24	–1.58	pts	54.48	60.91	–6.43	pts	
– Regional routes	48.74	46.95	1.79	pts	46.50	44.82	1.68	pts	

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Consolidated Data								
ATK (available tonne								
– kilometres)(millions)	2,432.82	2,208.15	10.2	%	28,002.23	25,203.03	11.1	%
– Domestic routes	1,178.15	1,097.71	7.3	%	13,871.59	13,228.45	4.9	%
– International routes	1,187.26	1,043.42	13.8	%	13,355.42	11,197.47	19.3	%
– Regional routes	67.40	67.02	0.6	%	775.21	777.11	–0.2	%
RTK (revenue tonne								
– kilometres)(millions)	1,708.67	1,519.05	12.5	%	19,712.12	17,820.43	10.6	%
– Domestic routes	865.89	783.63	10.5	%	10,397.79	9,666.67	7.6	%
– International routes	797.69	692.66	15.2	%	8,804.68	7,657.61	15.0	%
– Regional routes	45.09	42.76	5.4	%	509.65	496.15	2.7	%
Overall load factor (%)	70.23	68.79	1.44	pts	70.39	70.71	–0.31	pts
– Domestic routes	73.50	71.39	2.11	pts	74.96	73.07	1.88	pts
– International routes	67.19	66.38	0.80	pts	65.93	68.39	–2.46	pts
– Regional routes	66.90	63.81	3.09	pts	65.74	63.85	1.90	pts

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

II. FLEET STRUCTURE

As at the end of December 2016, details of the fleet structure of passenger aircraft and freighters of the Company are as follows:

(Units)

No.	Model	Self-owned	Under finance lease	Under operating lease	Sub-total
	Total number of passenger aircraft	213	224	135	572
	Wide-body aircraft	28	35	10	73
1	B777-300ER	9	7	–	16
2	B767	6	–	–	6
3	A330-200	12	18	3	33
4	A330-300	1	10	7	18
	Narrow-body aircraft	185	189	125	499
5	B737-700	36	19	8	63
6	B737-800	36	57	78	171
7	A319	9	24	3	36
8	A320	72	55	36	163
9	A321	32	34	–	66
	Total number of freighters	–	2	7	9
10	B747F	–	2	1	3
11	B777F	–	–	6	6
	Total number of passenger aircraft and freighters	213	226	142	581

III. BRIEF EXPLANATION ON OPERATING DATA

In December 2016, China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”) introduced two B737-800 and two A321 aircraft, and retired two A320 aircraft. The Company launched new routes such as Kunming-Nanjing-Vancouver and Shanghai- Wuhan-Panzhuhua routes.

In December 2016, the Company optimized its capacity allocation and strengthened its marketing and sales strategies based on market demand. Passenger capacity of the Company increased by 14.3% year-on-year. Passenger load factor increased by 2 percentage points to 78.8% year-on-year. Due to the increase in the overall bellyhold cargo capacity, the freight transportation capacity of the Company increased by 3.0% year-on-year. Freight traffic volume increased by 1.4% year-on-year, while freight load factor was 55.0%.

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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.

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By order of the Board

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORPORATION LIMITED

Wang Jian

Company Secretary

Shanghai, the People's Republic of China

17 January 2017

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 Hong Ping (Independent non-executive Director).