

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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 2018
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 January 16, 2018

By /s/ Wang Jian
Name: Wang Jian
Title: Company Secretary

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(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
(Stock code: 00670)

INSIDE INFORMATION

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON OPERATING DATA FOR DECEMBER 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

	Estimated amount completed in December 2017	Actual amount completed in December 2016	Year-on-year increase	Total estimated amount completed in January to December 2017	Total actual amount completed in January to December 2016	Year-on-year increase
Passenger Transportation Data						
ASK (available seat kilometres) (millions)	19,389.99	17,839.96	8.7%	225,967.49	206,249.27	9.6%
Domestic routes	12,082.06	10,949.53	10.3%	141,061.31	129,459.68	9.0%
International routes	6,791.88	6,415.57	5.9%	78,957.90	71,177.37	10.9%
Regional routes	516.05	474.86	8.7%	5,948.29	5,612.22	6.0%
RPK (revenue passenger kilometres) (millions)	15,401.63	14,069.42	9.5%	183,151.51	167,529.20	9.3%
Domestic routes	9,741.41	8,675.56	12.3%	117,024.30	106,361.13	10.0%
International routes	5,250.78	5,021.33	4.6%	61,368.94	56,821.42	8.0%
Regional routes	409.44	372.53	9.9%	4,758.28	4,346.64	9.5%
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	9,212.87	8,293.03	11.1%	110,802.62	101,741.64	8.9%
Domestic routes	7,660.59	6,821.06	12.3%	92,617.00	84,201.92	10.0%
International routes	1,248.65	1,195.74	4.4%	14,671.67	14,323.71	2.4%
Regional routes	303.63	276.23	9.9%	3,513.95	3,216.02	9.3%

	Estimated amount completed in December 2017	Actual amount completed in December 2016	Year-on-year increase	Total estimated amount completed in January to December 2017	Total actual amount completed in January to December 2016	Year-on-year increase
Passenger load factor (%)	79.43	78.86	0.57pts	81.05	81.23	0.17pts
Domestic routes	80.63	79.23	1.39pts	82.96	82.16	0.80pts
International routes	77.31	78.27	0.96pts	77.72	79.83	2.11pts
Regional routes	79.34	78.45	0.89pts	79.99	77.45	2.54pts
Freight Transportation Data						
AFTK (available freight tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	641.44	553.03	16.0%	7,057.64	6,535.18	8.0%
Domestic routes	222.52	188.84	17.8%	2,277.95	2,163.17	5.3%
International routes	402.36	350.99	14.6%	4,592.06	4,224.47	8.7%
Regional routes	16.56	13.21	25.3%	187.63	147.54	27.2%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	233.85	218.29	7.1%	2,662.81	2,495.43	6.7%
Domestic routes	84.89	89.03	4.6%	895.56	927.40	3.4%
International routes	145.41	126.14	15.3%	1,722.52	1,530.17	12.6%
Regional routes	3.54	3.12	13.4%	44.73	37.86	18.2%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)						
	86.42	86.21	0.2%	933.33	929.26	0.4%
Domestic routes	62.98	65.22	3.4%	647.92	668.64	3.1%
International routes	20.42	18.35	11.3%	247.85	228.59	8.4%
Regional routes	3.02	2.64	14.3%	37.56	32.03	17.3%
Freight load factor (%)						
	36.46	39.47	3.01pts	37.73	38.18	0.46pts
Domestic routes	38.15	47.14	8.99pts	39.31	42.87	3.56pts
International routes	36.14	35.94	0.20pts	37.51	36.22	1.29pts
Regional routes	21.39	23.64	2.25pts	23.84	25.66	1.82pts
Consolidated Data ATK (available tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	2,386.54	2,158.63	10.6%	27,394.72	25,097.62	9.2%
Domestic routes	1,309.91	1,174.29	11.5%	14,973.47	13,814.54	8.4%
International routes	1,013.63	928.39	9.2%	11,698.27	10,630.43	10.0%
Regional routes	63.00	55.94	12.6%	722.97	652.64	10.8%
RTK (revenue tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	1,603.88	1,472.47	8.9%	18,853.19	17,333.11	8.8%
Domestic routes	953.22	864.01	10.3%	11,251.08	10,362.29	8.6%
International routes	610.83	572.28	6.7%	7,137.45	6,548.92	9.0%
Regional routes	39.84	36.19	10.1%	464.65	421.89	10.1%

	Estimated amount completed in December 2017	Actual amount completed in December 2016	Year-on-year increase	Total		
				Total estimated amount completed in January to December 2017	Total actual amount completed in January to December 2016	Year-on-year increase
Overall load factor (%)	67.21	68.21	1.01pts	68.82	69.06	0.24pts
Domestic routes	72.77	73.58	0.81pts	75.14	75.01	0.13pts
International routes	60.26	61.64	1.38pts	61.01	61.61	0.59pts
Regional routes	63.23	64.70	1.47pts	64.27	64.64	0.37pts

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 Limited* (), the 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.
- Please refer to the latest annual report or interim report of the Company for the definitions of the indicators.

II. FLEET STRUCTURE

In December 2017, the Company introduced 10 aircraft (two B737-800 aircraft, four B737-8MAX aircraft, two A321 aircraft, one A320 aircraft and one A330-300 aircraft), and retired one aircraft (one B737-700 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 data of the freighters operated by China Cargo Airlines Co., Limited* (), a controlled subsidiary of Eastern Logistics. As at the end of December 2017, details of the fleet structure of aircraft of the Company are as follows:

(Units)

No.	Model	Self-owned	Under finance lease	Under operating lease	Sub-total
	Wide-body passenger aircraft	29	43	10	82
1	B777-300ER	9	11	0	20
2	B767	4	0	0	4
3	A330-200	15	15	3	33
4	A330-300	1	17	7	25

	Narrow-body passenger aircraft	218	192	135	545
5	B737-700	42	13	1	56
6	B737-800	46	62	84	192
7	A319	13	20	2	35
8	A320	79	52	48	179
9	A321	38	39	0	77
10	B737-8MAX	0	6	0	6
	Total	247	235	145	627

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 transportation, passenger transportation capacity (measured by available seat-kilometres) of the Company in December 2017 increased by 8.7% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 9.5% year-on-year, and passenger load factor increased by 0.57 percentage points to 79.43% year-on-year.

In relation to freight transportation, freight transportation capacity (measured by available freight tonne-kilometres) of the Company in December 2017 increased by 16% year-on-year. Freight traffic volume (measured by revenue freight tonne-kilometres) increased by 7.1% year-on-year, while freight load factor decreased by 3.01 percentage points to 36.46% year-on-year.

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

15 January 2018

** 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).