

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 February 2019
Commission File Number: 001-14550

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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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 February 19, 2019

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

ON OPERATING DATA FOR JANUARY 2019

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 (the **Listing Rules**) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (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 | Actual amount completed in | Year- on-year increase | Total estimated amount completed in | Total actual amount completed in | Year- on-year increase |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| | January 2019 | January 2018 | | January 2019 | January 2018 | |
| Passenger Transportation Data | | | | | | |
| ASK (available seat-kilometres) | | | | | | |
| (millions) | 22,730.32 | 19,520.46 | 16.44% | 22,730.32 | 19,520.46 | 16.44% |
| Domestic routes | 14,569.88 | 12,088.85 | 20.52% | 14,569.88 | 12,088.85 | 20.52% |
| International routes | 7,605.23 | 6,938.53 | 9.61% | 7,605.23 | 6,938.53 | 9.61% |
| Regional routes | 555.20 | 493.08 | 12.60% | 555.20 | 493.08 | 12.60% |
| RPK (revenue passenger-kilometres) (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 18,341.87 | 15,402.51 | 19.08% | 18,341.87 | 15,402.51 | 19.08% |
| Domestic routes | 11,678.24 | 9,674.02 | 20.72% | 11,678.24 | 9,674.02 | 20.72% |
| International routes | 6,209.16 | 5,341.99 | 16.23% | 6,209.16 | 5,341.99 | 16.23% |
| Regional routes | 454.46 | 386.49 | 17.59% | 454.46 | 386.49 | 17.59% |
| Number of passengers carried | | | | | | |
| (thousands) | 10,687.73 | 9,116.01 | 17.24% | 10,687.73 | 9,116.01 | 17.24% |
| Domestic routes | 8,868.41 | 7,566.79 | 17.20% | 8,868.41 | 7,566.79 | 17.20% |
| International routes | 1,483.58 | 1,263.89 | 17.38% | 1,483.58 | 1,263.89 | 17.38% |
| Regional routes | 335.75 | 285.33 | 17.67% | 335.75 | 285.33 | 17.67% |
| Passenger load factor (%) | | | | | | |
| | 80.69 | 78.90 | 1.79 pts | 80.69 | 78.90 | 1.79 pts |
| Domestic routes | 80.15 | 80.02 | 0.13 pts | 80.15 | 80.02 | 0.13 pts |
| International routes | 81.64 | 76.99 | 4.65 pts | 81.64 | 76.99 | 4.65 pts |
| Regional routes | 81.86 | 78.38 | 3.47 pts | 81.86 | 78.38 | 3.47 pts |
| Freight Transportation Data | | | | | | |
| AFTK (available freight tonne-kilometres) (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 773.43 | 640.26 | 20.80% | 773.43 | 640.26 | 20.80% |
| Domestic routes | 289.33 | 223.32 | 29.56% | 289.33 | 223.32 | 29.56% |
| International routes | 466.78 | 402.37 | 16.01% | 466.78 | 402.37 | 16.01% |
| Regional routes | 17.31 | 14.57 | 18.84% | 17.31 | 14.57 | 18.84% |
| RFTK (revenue freight tonne-kilometres) (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 232.16 | 212.75 | 9.12% | 232.16 | 212.75 | 9.12% |
| Domestic routes | 92.10 | 82.63 | 11.46% | 92.10 | 82.63 | 11.46% |
| International routes | 137.50 | 127.14 | 8.15% | 137.50 | 127.14 | 8.15% |
| Regional routes | 2.56 | 2.99 | -14.22% | 2.56 | 2.99 | -14.22% |
| Weight of freight carried (million kg) | | | | | | |
| | 86.83 | 80.53 | 7.83% | 86.83 | 80.53 | 7.83% |
| Domestic routes | 64.65 | 60.16 | 7.46% | 64.65 | 60.16 | 7.46% |
| International routes | 19.96 | 17.83 | 11.91% | 19.96 | 17.83 | 11.91% |

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|--|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Regional routes | 2.23 | 2.54 | -12.09% | 2.23 | 2.54 | -12.09% |
| Freight load factor (%) | 30.02 | 33.23 | -3.21 pts | 30.02 | 33.23 | -3.21 pts |
| Domestic routes | 31.83 | 37.00 | -5.17 pts | 31.83 | 37.00 | -5.17 pts |
| International routes | 29.46 | 31.60 | -2.14 pts | 29.46 | 31.60 | -2.14 pts |
| Regional routes | 14.79 | 20.49 | -5.70 pts | 14.79 | 20.49 | -5.70 pts |
| Consolidated Data | | | | | | |
| ATK (available tonne-kilometres) (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 2,819.16 | 2,397.10 | 17.61% | 2,819.16 | 2,397.10 | 17.61% |
| Domestic routes | 1,600.62 | 1,311.32 | 22.06% | 1,600.62 | 1,311.32 | 22.06% |
| International routes | 1,151.25 | 1,026.83 | 12.12% | 1,151.25 | 1,026.83 | 12.12% |
| Regional routes | 67.28 | 58.95 | 14.14% | 67.28 | 58.95 | 14.14% |
| RTK (revenue tonne-kilometres) (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 1,840.65 | 1,572.91 | 17.02% | 1,840.65 | 1,572.91 | 17.02% |
| Domestic routes | 1,117.96 | 937.74 | 19.22% | 1,117.96 | 937.74 | 19.22% |
| International routes | 680.41 | 598.12 | 13.76% | 680.41 | 598.12 | 13.76% |
| Regional routes | 42.28 | 37.04 | 14.16% | 42.28 | 37.04 | 14.16% |
| Overall load factor (%) | 65.29 | 65.62 | -0.33 pts | 65.29 | 65.62 | -0.33 pts |
| Domestic routes | 69.85 | 71.51 | -1.67 pts | 69.85 | 71.51 | -1.67 pts |
| International routes | 59.10 | 58.25 | 0.85 pts | 59.10 | 58.25 | 0.85 pts |
| Regional routes | 62.85 | 62.83 | 0.01 pts | 62.85 | 62.83 | 0.01 pts |

Note: Freight transportation data only contained data of bellyhold space in passenger aircraft. The table does not contain data of cargo services.

II. FLEET STRUCTURE

In January 2019, the Company introduced two aircraft (one A320NEO and one A350-900) and retired one aircraft (one A330-300). As at the end of January 2019, details of the fleet structure of aircraft of the Company were as follows:

| No. | Model | | | | <i>(Units)</i> |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | | Self-owned | Under finance lease | Under operating lease | Sub-total |
| | Wide-body passenger aircraft | 26 | 52 | 5 | 83 |
| 1 | B787-9 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 2 | B777-300ER | 9 | 11 | 0 | 20 |
| 3 | A350-900 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 4 | A330-200 | 16 | 14 | 0 | 30 |
| 5 | A330-300 | 1 | 20 | 5 | 26 |
| | Narrow-body passenger aircraft | 204 | 210 | 184 | 598 |
| 6 | B737-700 | 33 | 12 | 10 | 55 |
| 7 | B737-800 | 45 | 71 | 106 | 222 |
| 8 | B737-8MAX | 0 | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 9 | A319 | 14 | 19 | 2 | 35 |
| 10 | A320 | 69 | 45 | 66 | 180 |
| 11 | A320NEO | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| 12 | A321 | 43 | 34 | 0 | 77 |
| | Total | 230 | 262 | 189 | 681 |

Note: The 12 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 January 2019 increased by 16.44% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 19.08% year-on-year, and passenger load factor increased by 1.79 percentage points to 80.69% year-on-year.

The freight transportation business of the Company only consists of bellyhold space freight operated through passenger aircraft, and the business is under contractual operation by a subsidiary of the controlling shareholder of the Company. Freight load volume in January 2019 increased by 7.83% year-on-year.

In January 2019, the Company launched new international routes such as Shanghai - Mandalay, Lanzhou - Kunming - Phuket and Shanghai - Hanamaki, and new domestic routes such as Shanghai - Jinggangshan - Kunming, Nanjing - Beihai, Shanghai - Changsha - Wuzhou and Wuhan - Enshi - Guiyang.

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" under "About China Eastern Airlines" - "Get to know China Eastern Airlines" 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 February 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include Liu Shaoyong (Chairman), Lin Wanli (Independent non-executive Director), Li Ruoshan (Independent non-executive Director), Ma Weihua (Independent non-executive Director), Shao Ruiqing (Independent non-executive Director), Cai Hongping (Independent non-executive Director) and Yuan Jun (Employee Representative Director).