

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 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 January 16, 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

ANNOUNCEMENT ON OPERATING DATA FOR DECEMBER 2018

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 December 2018	Actual amount completed in December 2017	Year- on-year increase	Total estimated amount completed in January to December 2018	Total actual amount completed in January to December 2017	Year- on-year increase
Passenger Transportation Data						
ASK (available seat-kilometres)						
(millions)	21,285.23	19,418.78	9.61%	244,268.34	225,996.28	8.09%

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Domestic routes	13,434.90	12,087.85	11.14%	153,549.58	141,067.10	8.85%
International routes	7,316.47	6,814.85	7.36%	84,335.32	78,980.87	6.78%
Regional routes	533.87	516.08	3.45%	6,383.44	5,948.32	7.31%

RPK (revenue

passenger-kilometres) (millions)	16,972.37	15,432.10	9.98%	200,929.81	183,181.98	9.69%
Domestic routes	10,712.99	9,750.20	9.87%	128,419.74	117,033.08	9.73%
International routes	5,814.49	5,272.42	10.28%	67,216.30	61,390.58	9.49%
Regional routes	444.88	409.49	8.64%	5,293.77	4,758.33	11.25%

				Total estimated amount completed	Total actual amount completed	
	Estimated amount completed in December 2018	Actual amount completed in December 2017	Year- on-year increase	in January to December 2018	in January to December 2017	Year- on-year increase
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	10,016.41	9,221.65	8.62%	121,125.62	110,811.40	9.31%
Domestic routes	8,305.53	7,664.94	8.36%	101,161.82	92,621.36	9.22%
International routes	1,381.07	1,253.04	10.22%	16,095.66	14,676.05	9.67%
Regional routes	329.82	303.67	8.61%	3,868.14	3,513.99	10.08%
Passenger load factor (%)	79.74	79.47	0.27pts	82.26	81.06	1.20pts
Domestic routes	79.74	80.66	-0.92pts	83.63	82.96	0.67pts
International routes	79.47	77.37	2.10pts	79.70	77.73	1.97pts
Regional routes	83.33	79.35	3.99pts	82.93	79.99	2.94pts
Freight Transportation Data						
AFTK (available freight tonne-kilometres) (millions)	739.64	641.07	15.38%	8,008.00	6,796.98	17.82%
Domestic routes	256.73	222.18	15.55%	2,767.34	2,275.26	21.63%
International routes	467.71	402.39	16.23%	5,047.65	4,344.94	16.17%
Regional routes	15.20	16.50	-7.90%	193.02	176.78	9.19%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne-kilometres) (millions)	230.38	234.05	-1.57%	2,584.79	2,458.22	5.15%
Domestic routes	86.14	84.89	1.47%	882.28	894.09	-1.32%
International routes	141.43	145.62	-2.87%	1,667.35	1,527.14	9.18%
Regional routes	2.81	3.54	-20.75%	35.16	36.98	-4.93%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	85.48	86.42	-1.08%	915.47	894.26	2.37%
Domestic routes	62.74	62.92	-0.29%	645.34	645.88	-0.08%
International routes	20.34	20.48	-0.68%	239.91	217.02	10.55%
Regional routes	2.41	3.02	-20.25%	30.22	31.36	-3.65%
Freight load factor (%)	31.15	36.51	-5.36pts	32.28	36.17	-3.89pts
Domestic routes	33.55	38.21	-4.66pts	31.88	39.30	-7.41pts
International routes	30.24	36.19	-5.95pts	33.03	35.15	-2.12pts
Regional routes	18.47	21.47	-2.99pts	18.22	20.92	-2.71pts

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Consolidated Data ATK (available tonne-kilometres) (millions)	2,655.31	2,388.76	11.16%	29,992.15	27,136.64	10.52%
Domestic routes	1,465.87	1,310.09	11.89%	16,586.80	14,971.29	10.79%
International routes	1,126.20	1,015.73	10.88%	12,637.83	11,453.22	10.34%
Regional routes	63.24	62.95	0.47%	767.53	712.13	7.78%
RTK (revenue tonne-kilometres) (millions)	1,738.60	1,606.79	8.20%	20,306.78	18,651.30	8.88%
Domestic routes	1,040.21	953.99	9.04%	12,220.91	11,250.39	8.63%
International routes	656.22	612.96	7.06%	7,584.77	6,944.00	9.23%
Regional routes	42.17	39.84	5.85%	501.10	456.91	9.67%
Overall load factor (%)	65.48	67.26	-1.79pts	67.71	68.73	-1.02pts
Domestic routes	70.96	72.82	-1.86pts	73.68	75.15	-1.47pts
International routes	58.27	60.35	-2.08pts	60.02	60.63	-0.61pts
Regional routes	66.67	63.29	3.38pts	65.29	64.16	1.13pts

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 December 2018, the Company introduced five aircraft (three B737-800, one A330-300 and one A350-900) and no aircraft was retired. As at the end of December 2018, details of the fleet structure of aircraft of the Company were as follows:

					(Units)
			Under	Under	
No.	Model	Self-owned	finance lease	operating lease	Sub-total
	Wide-body passenger aircraft	26	51	6	83
1	B787-9	0	4	0	4
2	B777-300ER	9	11	0	20
3	A350-900	0	2	0	2
4	A330-200	16	14	0	30
5	A330-300	1	20	6	27
	Narrow-body passenger aircraft	204	209	184	597
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	15	0	15
12	A321	43	34	0	77
	Total	230	260	190	680

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 December 2018 increased by 9.61% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 9.98% year-on-year, and passenger load factor increased by 0.27 percentage points to 79.74% 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 December 2018 decreased by 1.08% year-on-year.

In December 2018, the Company launched new international routes such as Shanghai – London Gatwick, Shanghai Xi'an – Madrid and Chengdu – Kalibo.

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

15 January 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include Liu Shaoyong (Chairman), Ma Xulun (Vice Chairman, President), 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).