

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 November 2018
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 November 16, 2018

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 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 October 2018	Actual amount completed in October 2017	Year- on-year increase	Total estimated amount completed in January to October 2018	Total actual amount completed in January to October 2017	Year- on-year increase
Passenger Transportation Data						
ASK (available seat-kilometres) (millions)	21,090.96	19,616.58	7.52%	202,592.35	187,942.72	7.79%
Domestic routes	13,327.13	12,199.58	9.24%	126,870.89	116,979.49	8.46%
International routes	7,203.09	6,901.19	4.37%	70,390.46	66,021.89	6.62%
Regional routes	560.74	515.82	8.71%	5,331.00	4,941.34	7.89%
RPK (revenue passenger-kilometres) (millions)						
	17,256.71	15,708.64	9.85%	167,659.36	152,762.98	9.75%
Domestic routes	11,277.56	10,124.92	11.38%	106,980.40	97,301.27	9.95%
International routes	5,526.87	5,167.58	6.95%	56,264.56	51,511.97	9.23%
Regional routes	452.28	416.14	8.68%	4,414.40	3,949.75	11.76%

	Total					
	Estimated amount completed	Actual amount completed	Year- on-year increase	estimated amount completed	Total actual amount completed	Year- on-year increase
				in January	in January	
	in October 2018	in October 2017		to October 2018	to October 2017	
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	10,584.00	9,633.53	9.87%	101,148.14	92,286.87	9.60%
Domestic routes	8,949.56	8,110.72	10.34%	84,469.64	77,088.37	9.58%
International routes	1,303.68	1,216.92	7.13%	13,461.51	12,283.08	9.59%
Regional routes	330.76	305.89	8.13%	3,216.99	2,915.42	10.34%
Passenger load factor (%)	81.82	80.08	1.74pts	82.76	81.28	1.48pts
Domestic routes	84.62	82.99	1.63pts	84.32	83.18	1.14pts
International routes	76.73	74.88	1.85pts	79.93	78.02	1.91pts
Regional routes	80.66	80.68	-0.02pts	82.81	79.93	2.87pts
Freight Transportation Data						
AFTK (available freight tonne-kilometres) (millions)	697.18	606.52	14.95%	6,602.21	5,572.11	18.49%
Domestic routes	241.36	194.34	24.19%	2,260.42	1,834.66	23.21%
International routes	437.78	396.71	10.35%	4,178.45	3,592.26	16.32%
Regional routes	18.04	15.47	16.62%	163.34	145.19	12.50%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne kilometres) (millions)	234.83	230.41	1.92%	2,127.66	1,994.80	6.66%
Domestic routes	75.82	78.02	-2.82%	712.88	724.83	-1.65%
International routes	155.50	148.76	4.53%	1,384.98	1,240.25	11.67%
Regional routes	3.51	3.63	-3.23%	29.80	29.72	0.27%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	80.87	80.58	0.37%	746.20	722.41	3.29%
Domestic routes	55.58	56.77	-2.08%	521.59	521.10	0.09%
International routes	22.25	20.77	7.10%	199.01	176.11	13.00%
Regional routes	3.04	3.03	0.10%	25.60	25.20	1.57%
Freight load factor (%)	33.68	37.99	-4.31pts	32.23	35.80	-3.57pts
Domestic routes	31.41	40.14	-8.73pts	31.54	39.51	-7.97pts
International routes	35.52	37.50	-1.98pts	33.15	34.53	-1.38pts
Regional routes	19.48	23.47	-4.00pts	18.25	20.47	-2.22pts

	Total					
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				to October 2018	to October 2017	
Consolidated Data ATK (available tonne-kilometres) (millions)						
	2,595.36	2,372.01	9.42%	24,835.52	22,486.96	10.44%
Domestic routes	1,440.80	1,292.31	11.49%	13,678.80	12,362.82	10.64%
International routes	1,086.05	1,017.81	6.70%	10,513.59	9,534.23	10.27%
Regional routes	68.51	61.89	10.68%	643.13	589.91	9.02%
RTK (revenue tonne-kilometres) (millions)						
	1,765.99	1,623.70	8.76%	16,886.68	15,476.74	9.11%
Domestic routes	1,075.89	975.42	10.30%	10,139.77	9,320.26	8.79%
International routes	646.55	607.77	6.38%	6,329.18	5,778.69	9.53%
Regional routes	43.54	40.50	7.51%	417.73	377.79	10.57%
Overall load factor (%)						
	68.04	68.45	-0.41pts	67.99	68.83	-0.83pts
Domestic routes	74.67	75.48	-0.81pts	74.13	75.39	-1.26pts
International routes	59.53	59.71	-0.18pts	60.20	60.61	-0.41pts
Regional routes	63.56	65.44	-1.88pts	64.95	64.04	0.91pts

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 October 2018, the Company introduced seven aircraft (one B787-9, three B737-800 and three A320NEO) and retired one aircraft (one A330-300). As at the end of October 2018, details of the fleet structure of aircraft of the Company were as follows:

					(Units)
No.	Model	Self-owned	Under finance lease	Under operating lease	Sub-total
	Wide-body passenger aircraft	26	50	7	83
1	B777-300ER	9	11	0	20
2	B767	1	0	0	1
3	A330-200	15	15	0	30
4	A330-300	1	20	7	28
5	B787-9	0	4	0	4
	Narrow-body passenger aircraft	200	210	175	585
6	B737-700	33	12	10	55
7	B737-800	45	71	97	213
8	B737-8MAX	0	11	0	11
9	A319	13	20	2	35
10	A320	66	48	66	180
11	A320neo	0	14	0	14
12	A321	43	34	0	77
	Total	226	260	182	668

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 October 2018 increased by 7.52% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 9.85% year-on-year, and passenger load factor increased by 1.74 percentage points to 81.82% 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 October 2018 increased by 0.37% year-on-year.

In October 2018, the Company launched new routes such as Beijing Shenzhen, Qionghai Wuyishan Jinan, Harbin Hefei Nanning, Harbin Xi'an Shantou and Hohhot Nanjing Zhuhai.

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 November 2018

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).