

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 April 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 April 17, 2019

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

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INSIDE INFORMATION

OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT ON OPERATING DATA FOR MARCH 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		Total estimated amount completed in March	Total actual amount completed in March	Year- on-year increase
	March 2019	March 2018	Year- on-year increase	2019	2018	
Passenger Transportation Data ASK (available seat-kilometres) (millions)						
Domestic routes	21,598.12	20,095.41	7.48 %	65,809.12	59,347.18	10.89%
International routes	13,879.24	12,678.62	9.47 %	42,142.24	37,049.73	13.75%
Regional routes	7,166.81	6,888.05	4.05 %	22,014.53	20,779.72	5.94%
	552.07	528.74	4.41 %	1,652.35	1,517.73	8.87%
RPK (revenue passenger-kilometres) (millions)						
Domestic routes	17,864.54	16,760.27	6.59 %	54,343.09	48,513.47	12.02%
International routes	11,671.79	10,774.41	8.33 %	35,056.06	30,642.61	14.40%
Regional routes	5,728.08	5,552.05	3.17 %	17,930.96	16,635.18	7.79%
	464.67	433.80	7.11%	1,356.08	1,235.68	9.74%

	Estimated	Actual		Total	Total actual	
	amount	amount		estimated	amount	
	completed	completed	Year-	amount	completed	Year-
	in	in	on-year	completed	in March	on-year
	March	March	increase	in March		increase
	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	10,646.18	10,100.32	5.40%	31,877.72	28,739.81	10.92%
Domestic routes	8,875.93	8,414.98	5.48%	26,477.79	23,779.39	11.35%
International routes	1,426.39	1,367.61	4.30%	4,393.56	4,053.57	8.39%
Regional routes	343.87	317.73	8.23%	1,006.37	906.86	10.97%
Passenger load factor (%)	82.71%	83.40%	-0.69pts	82.58%	81.75%	0.83pts
Domestic routes	84.10%	84.98%	-0.89pts	83.19%	82.71%	0.48pts
International routes	79.93%	80.60%	-0.68pts	81.45%	80.05%	1.40pts
Regional routes	84.17%	82.04%	2.12pts	82.07%	81.42%	0.65pts
Freight Transportation Data						
AFTK (available freight tonne- kilometres) (millions)	715.17	664.68	7.60%	2,223.36	1,985.71	11.97%
Domestic routes	267.45	251.32	6.42%	826.62	726.19	13.83%
International routes	430.09	397.27	8.26%	1,342.78	1,211.22	10.86%
Regional routes	17.63	16.10	9.53%	53.95	48.30	11.70%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne- kilometres) (millions)	231.26	220.09	5.08%	613.52	601.51	2.00%
Domestic routes	78.22	74.39	5.14%	218.37	217.86	0.24%
International routes	150.29	142.54	5.44%	388.21	375.34	3.43%
Regional routes	2.75	3.16	-13.00%	6.94	8.32	-16.57%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	79.28	76.58	3.53%	215.29	218.92	-1.66%
Domestic routes	55.15	53.50	3.08%	153.48	158.25	-3.01%
International routes	21.80	20.37	7.04%	55.87	53.60	4.25%
Regional routes	2.33	2.71	-13.96%	5.94	7.08	-16.07%
Freight load factor (%)	32.34%	33.11%	-0.78pts	27.59%	30.29%	-2.70pts
Domestic routes	29.25%	29.60%	-0.36pts	26.42%	30.00%	-3.58pts
International routes	34.94%	35.88%	-0.93pts	28.91%	30.99%	-2.08pts
Regional routes	15.61%	19.66%	-4.04pts	12.86%	17.22%	-4.36pts

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	March	March	increase	in March		increase
	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Consolidated Data ATK						
(available tonne- kilometres)						
(millions)	2,659.00	2,473.27	7.51%	8,146.18	7,326.95	11.18%
Domestic routes	1,516.58	1,392.39	8.92%	4,619.43	4,060.67	13.76%
International routes	1,075.11	1,017.19	5.69%	3,324.09	3,081.39	7.88%
Regional routes	67.32	63.68	5.71%	202.66	184.89	9.61%
RTK (revenue tonne-						
kilometres) (millions)						
	1,821.66	1,710.89	6.47%	5,382.10	4,862.77	10.68%
Domestic routes	1,118.65	1,034.32	8.15%	3,298.12	2,912.43	13.24%
International routes	658.96	634.94	3.78%	1,958.28	1,833.82	6.79%
Regional routes	44.06	41.63	5.83%	125.70	116.53	7.87%
Overall load factor (%)	68.51%	69.18%	-0.67pts	66.07%	66.37%	-0.30pts
Domestic routes	73.76%	74.28%	-0.52pts	71.40%	71.72%	-0.33pts
International routes	61.29%	62.42%	-1.13pts	58.91%	59.51%	-0.60pts
Regional routes	65.45%	65.37%	0.08pts	62.02%	63.02%	-1.00pts

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 March 2019, the Company introduced seven aircraft (one A320NEO, three B737-800 and three B787-9). As at the end of March 2019, 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	29	53	5	87
1	B777 series	10	10	0	20
2	B787 series	0	7	0	7
3	A350 series	0	4	0	4
4	A330 series	19	32	5	56
Narrow-body passenger					
	aircraft	210	208	188	606
5	A320 series	129	114	68	311
6	B737 series	81	94	120	295
	Total	239	261	193	693

Note: The 15 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 March 2019 increased by 7.48% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 6.59% year-on-year, and passenger load factor decreased by 0.69 percentage points to 82.71% 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 March 2019 increased by 3.53% year-on-year.

In March 2019, the Company launched new domestic routes such as Xi'an-Hetian, Shanghai-Xishuangbanna, Lanzhou-Zhuhai, Shanghai-Mudanjiang, Hangzhou-Shenyang, Tianjin-Luzhou and Xi'an-Yiwu, and new international and regional routes such as Taiyuan-Pudong, Chicago, Yantai-Changsha, Bangkok and Xi'an-Macau.

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

16 April 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).