

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 March 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 March 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 FEBRUARY 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 (**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 February 2018	Actual amount completed in February 2017	Year-on-year increase	Total estimated amount completed in January to February	Total actual amount completed in January to February	Year-on-year increase
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2018**Passenger Transportation****Data****ASK (available seat****kilometres) (millions)**

	19,665.18	17,137.27	14.8%	39,132.12	35,841.65	9.2%
Domestic routes	12,232.92	10,839.67	12.9%	24,273.37	22,360.81	8.6%
International routes	6,936.53	5,839.43	18.8%	13,870.24	12,521.12	10.8%
Regional routes	495.73	458.17	8.2%	988.52	959.71	3.0%

Total						
	Estimated	Actual		estimated	Total actual	
	amount	amount		completed in	amount	
	completed in	completed in		January to	completed in	
	February	February	Year-on-year	February	January to	Year-on-year
	2018	2017	increase	2018	February	increase
RPK (revenue passenger kilometres) (millions)	16,278.89	14,158.78	15.0%	31,629.22	29,449.22	7.4%
Domestic routes	10,140.15	9,111.55	11.3%	19,768.73	18,490.72	6.9%
International routes	5,723.98	4,687.00	22.1%	11,060.03	10,203.74	8.4%
Regional routes	414.76	360.23	15.1%	800.46	754.77	6.1%
Number of passengers carried (thousands)	9,513.72	8,597.60	10.7%	18,620.58	17,528.04	6.2%
Domestic routes	7,789.17	7,096.26	9.8%	15,348.26	14,389.93	6.7%
International routes	1,421.24	1,231.98	15.4%	2,684.08	2,572.74	4.3%
Regional routes	303.32	269.36	12.6%	588.24	565.38	4.0%
Passenger load factor (%)	82.78	82.62	0.16 pts	80.83	82.16	1.34 pts
Domestic routes	82.89	84.06	1.17 pts	81.44	82.69	1.25 pts
International routes	82.52	80.26	2.25 pts	79.74	81.49	1.75 pts
Regional routes	83.67	78.62	5.04 pts	80.98	78.65	2.33 pts
Freight Transportation Data						
AFTK (available freight tonne kilometres) (millions)	679.30	514.27	32.1%	1,320.21	1,092.80	20.8%
Domestic routes	250.79	189.06	32.6%	473.79	385.92	22.8%
International routes	410.89	310.61	32.3%	814.22	676.40	20.4%
Regional routes	17.62	14.60	20.7%	32.21	30.48	5.7%
RFTK (revenue freight tonne kilometres) (millions)	168.00	150.65	11.5%	380.11	344.53	10.3%
Domestic routes	60.40	58.94	2.5%	142.28	140.29	1.4%
International routes	105.44	89.42	17.9%	232.70	199.36	16.7%
Regional routes	2.16	2.29	5.7%	5.13	4.88	5.1%
Weight of freight carried (million kg)	61.77	57.88	6.7%	142.31	135.66	4.9%
Domestic routes	44.61	42.23	5.6%	104.75	101.83	2.9%
International routes	15.34	13.67	12.2%	33.20	29.60	12.2%
Regional routes	1.82	1.98	7.7%	4.36	4.23	3.0%

	Total					
	Estimated	Actual		estimated amount	Total actual	
	amount	amount		completed in	amount	
	completed in	completed in		January to	completed in	
	February	February	Year-on-year	February	February	Year-on-year
	2018	2017	increase	2018	2017	increase
Freight load factor (%)	24.73	29.29	4.56 pts	28.79	31.53	2.74 pts
Domestic routes	24.08	31.18	7.09 pts	30.03	36.35	6.32 pts
International routes	25.66	28.79	3.13 pts	28.58	29.47	0.89 pts
Regional routes	12.25	15.68	3.43 pts	15.94	16.03	0.09 pts
Consolidated Data ATK						
(available tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	2,449.16	2,056.63	19.1%	4,842.10	4,318.55	12.1%
Domestic routes	1,351.75	1,164.63	16.1%	2,658.39	2,398.40	10.8%
International routes	1,035.18	836.16	23.8%	2,062.54	1,803.30	14.4%
Regional routes	62.23	55.83	11.5%	121.17	116.85	3.7%
RTK (revenue tonne kilometres) (millions)						
	1,572.32	1,395.83	12.6%	3,140.00	2,932.66	7.1%
Domestic routes	935.31	861.42	8.6%	1,868.28	1,767.14	5.7%
International routes	599.19	500.55	19.7%	1,196.94	1,094.51	9.4%
Regional routes	37.82	33.86	11.7%	74.78	71.01	5.3%
Overall load factor (%)	64.20	67.87	3.67 pts	64.85	67.91	3.06 pts
Domestic routes	69.19	73.96	4.77 pts	70.28	73.68	3.40 pts
International routes	57.88	59.86	1.98 pts	58.03	60.69	2.66 pts
Regional routes	60.77	60.65	0.11 pts	61.71	60.77	0.94 pts

Note: Please refer to the latest annual report or interim report of the Company for the definitions of indicators.

II. FLEET STRUCTURE

In February 2018, China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the **Company**) did not introduce or retire any aircraft. As at the end of February 2018, 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	30	43	10	83
1	B777-300ER	9	11	0	20
2	B767	4	0	0	4
3	A330-200	15	15	3	33
4	A330-300	2	17	7	26
	Narrow-body passenger aircraft	218	192	134	544
5	B737-700	42	13	0	55
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	248	235	144	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 traffic, passenger transportation capacity (measured by available seat-kilometres) of the Company in February 2018 increased by 14.8% year-on-year, passenger traffic volume (measured by revenue passenger-kilometres) increased by 15.0% year-on-year, and passenger load factor increased by 0.16 percentage points to 82.78% year-on-year.

In relation to freight traffic, as the Company completed the disposal of the entire equity interest in Eastern Air Logistics Co., Ltd.* () to Eastern Airlines Industry Investment Company Limited* () (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. Freight transportation capacity (measured by available freight tonne-kilometres) of the Company in February 2018 increased by 32.1% year-on-year. Freight traffic volume (measured by revenue freight tonne-kilometres) increased by 11.5% year-on-year, while freight load factor decreased by 4.56 percentage points to 24.73% year-on-year.

In February 2018, the Company introduced domestic routes such as Nanjing-Yibin and Nanjing-Lianyungang-Hohhot.

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 March 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), Gu Jiadan (Director), Tang Bing (Director, Vice President), Tian Liuwen (Director, Vice President), Yuan Jun (Employee Representative Director), 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).