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[ACTE makes headway for the business travel sector's fight against SARS](#)

Singapore, May 22, 2003 – The *Association of Corporate Travel Executives* today released the findings and recommendations of its first Asia-Pacific *PowerTalk*. The closed-door session was held in Singapore on May 9th and included senior executives representing customers and suppliers of business travel. Primary attention was paid to constructing a framework of considerations and recovery strategies that all parties with interests in the business travel sector ought to seriously examine.

The group found that inconsistent CIQ policies between countries, especially in the early days of the outbreak, caused much confusion among companies. Among its recommendations were calls for companies to review contingency plans, for the travel and transport industries to communicate the health safety measures incorporated into their services, for higher levels of cooperation among governments to form common guidelines concerning outbound and inbound travel and that strict CIQ regulations be maintained by all countries.

A poll conducted by ACTE in May among companies in Asia found that a large percentage of companies had emergency medical programmes in place and that as many as 51 percent have had it for at least 2 years.

A full report can be obtained by visiting ACTE's website at www.acte.org or by contacting ACTE's Asia-Pacific office at Tel: 65-6728 3820 or Email: aspac@acte.org

As part of a follow-up of this discussion, ACTE will address the topic, *Travel Avoidance – Is it a viable option for business?* at its next executive forum to be held on May 29th in Singapore.

ACTE is proud to present its educational forums as part of its mission to advance the industry with the support of its regional sponsors **Abacus International**, **Business Travel International** and **Raffles International Hotels & Resorts**. The official venue for this executive forum is the Raffles City Convention Centre in Singapore. For more information and to register for this event, please visit www.acte.org

Founded in 1988, the **Association of Corporate Travel Executives** is the only organization wholly dedicated to the science of business travel management with an international constituency. ACTE membership totals more than 2,500, including entities in Asia, Europe, Canada and the United States. The organization is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., and its web site is www.acte.org