

Lhasa airport receives millionth passenger in 2006

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(Reuters) Gongkar Airport, serving Lhasa, received its millionth passenger in one year, the largest number in its history. According to Xinhua, that represented a rise of about a fifth over last year, mainly attributable to growing numbers of tourists. Competition from the Golmud-Lhasa railway opened over the summer has caused air ticket prices to fall, and a pattern is emerging whereby tourists travel by train to the region but leave by plane.

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