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The only taxi (known as Black Cab) in the country advertising Air Mauritius.

The cab is owned by Esley Marie-Jeanne (Tel No (+44) 07931 600502)

I had the pleasure of travelling in Esley's cab recently from the Airport to Central London. It was a proud moment to travel in a vehicle advertising the National Airline of our country



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Osaka Exposition 2025 - Designing Future Society of Our Lives

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by Mylene (Japan)



Yumeshima

Yumeshima is an artificial island situated in Osaka Bay, close to the mouth of the Yodo river and it is the venue for the Osaka Exposition 2025.



Picture: Courtesy Wikipedia

A world Exposition is a global event that brings people and their innovation ideas together from across the globe to address issues that impact our lives.

At the heart of the Expo is The Grand Ring, a distinctive and iconic feature that serves as a main pathway for visitors to navigate between different areas. Its circular design creates a sheltered space that can shield attendees in the event of unfavourable weather conditions, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all visitors.

Covering an area of 61,035 square metres, with a circumference of two-kilometre and a diameter of 700 metres, the Ring has been officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the largest wooden architectural structure in the world.

Constructed with a blend of modern and traditional building techniques, and utilising natural materials like Japanese cedar and Japanese cypress, the Ring embodies the concept of "Unity in Diversity."

The Expo includes approximately 160 pavilions from participating nations, regions, international organisations, and private companies, each pavilion showcasing its unique perspectives related to the central theme of the Expo.

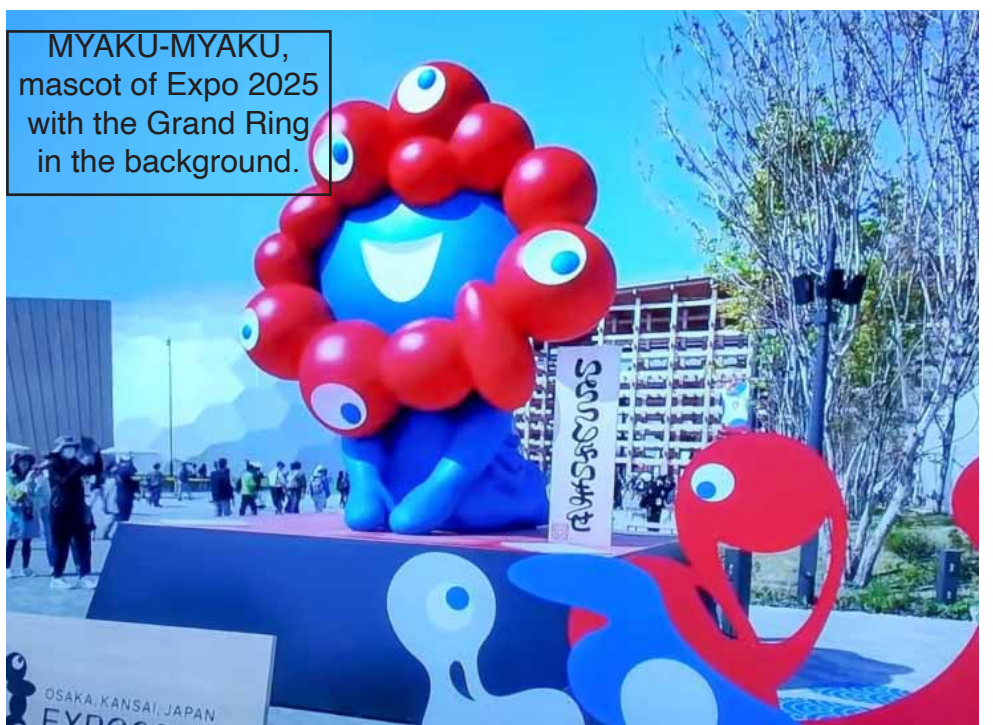
For example, China's pavilion draws inspiration from traditional calligraphy scrolls and bamboo slips, conveying the philosophy that humanity should respect, follow and live harmoniously with nature. The pavilion also features lunar soil samples from the Chang'e missions, alongside advanced humanoid robots.

The Expo aims to function as a People's Living Lab, encouraging collaboration and dialogue centred on tackling global issues under the sub-themes of "Saving Lives," "Empowering Lives," and "Connecting Lives."

It provides a platform for interaction, networking and inspiring innovative solutions toward a sustainable future.

Adding to the experience is MYAKU-MYAKU, the expo's mascot, which resembles a red multi-eyed creature.

Organisers are expecting around 28.2 visitors over the next six months.



MYAKU-MYAKU, mascot of Expo 2025 with the Grand Ring in the background.



The Grand Ring, 20 metres in height

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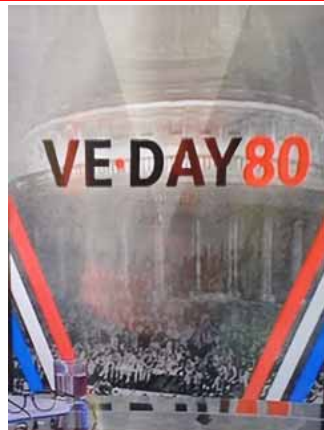
Mauritius, as in the past, will have a stand at the Japan Expo 2025

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)

This year the display of 30,000 ceramic poppies honours the end of the Second World War *by Mylene*

On Thursday, May 8, 1945, Germany officially surrendered, marking a day of celebration for the Allies of World War II.

2025: Europe, East & West, will have enjoyed 80 years of Peace, except that now Russia wants to eliminate Ukraine.



In November 2014, "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red" was an art installation in the Tower of London moat that ran from July to November to honour the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1.



A Volunteer 'plants' the ceramic poppies in the grounds of the Tower of London



One of the ceramic poppies

5th Summit of the Indian Ocean Commission

The 5th Summit of the Heads of State and Government of member countries of the Indian Ocean Commission was held in Madagascar on 24 April 2025.

The Mauritian delegation was headed by Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam



Prime Minister Navin and Mrs Veena Ramgoolam arriving at Summit

The Summit provided an opportunity for Member States to discuss measures to enhance mutual collaboration and partnerships. The discussions confirmed the collective political will to promote food security, improve nutrition and facilitate the trade of agricultural and food products in accordance with existing phytosanitary requirements of each Member State.

The Summit recommended the inclusion of the Regional Food Security and Nutrition Food Programme of the Indian Ocean Commission in the national

policies of the Member States.

During his intervention at the Opening Ceremony, Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam laid emphasis on the urgency for Member States to forge stronger relationships so as to collectively deal with the adverse impacts of changes in the geopolitical and international trade landscapes. He underscored the necessity for countries to enhance resilience by accelerating regional integration across all sectors. He called for all Member States to join forces to create an innovative blue economy that generates growth and employment while respecting the ecosystems.

The Prime Minister also underlined the intricate link between marine resources and the importance for maintaining maritime security.

Thematic Round Tables were held during the Summit, allowing focused discussions between Member States and stakeholders. During the Round Table on food security, connectivity and



Dr Navin Ramgoolam meeting French President Emmanuel Macron

intra-regional exchanges, the Prime Minister called for bolder actions to fully leverage on the significant marine resources of the Indian Ocean, without, however, compromising its long-term sustainability.

In the margins of the Summit, the Prime Minister had a one-on-one meeting with the President of France and discussed several issues of mutual interest, including the issue of Tromelin, which had been dormant since October 2014, closer cooperation in economic and cultural fields, as well as our con-

tinued engagement at the regional and international levels.

A Restitution Ceremony was held on 24 April 2025 in the margins of the Indian Ocean Commission Summit where the Prime Minister symbolically remitted to the President of Madagascar 45 gold ingots which had been seized in Mauritius in January 2019. Prior to the Restitution Ceremony, the Prime Minister had a tête-à-tête with the President of Madagascar and discussed issues of bilateral interest.

Text Source: GIS



Part of the 45 gold ingots restituted

Cabinet Decisions

Highlights of Cabinet Meeting of Friday, 09 May 2025

The National Diaspora Engagement Action Plan

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The Intention behind the workshop

It would seem that the Government intends to find out about the potential of the Mauritian Diaspora to contribute towards the development of Mauritius in whatever field beneficial to the country.

Whether this is the case or not, it is worth remembering that in all relationship there exists a policy of Give and Take. If Mauritius wishes to know what contributions the diaspora of its people may bring to the motherland, the question to be asked is what does the diaspora ex-

pects from the motherland in return.

Citizenship

First and foremost, they want the right to dual citizenship for themselves and for their offspring. The children of most overseas Mauritians have already been registered as Mauritian national as well. India grants the Indian citizenship to all people of Indian origin living outside the country who want to acquire the Indian nationality. Is Mauritius, as well, willing to follow in the same direction?

On the other hand, Mauritius will have to find out, first and foremost, the size of the Mauritian diaspora. The Civil Status Office may have to keep a special register in order to be able to know at any one time the extent of the Mauritian community outside the island of whatever generation. If this is not already the case, it will come a time when there will be more Mauritians living outside Mauritius than in Mauritius itself.

Right to vote

The diaspora is claiming the right to vote at general elections held in Mauritius. Though at one time the Prime Minister was against the idea, he has of late declared that the conditions have changed. He recently said that it is unfair that foreign nationals are allowed to vote in Mauritius while people with Mauritian nationality are deprived of this right.

With a population of 1.3 billion, India faces no problem with a few millions of overseas Indians voting at elections held in India. The overseas voters cannot have any influence over the results of an election in the mother

country. What about miniscule Mauritius? Will the country have to act in accordance to the dictate of its outside voters?

Old Age Pension (OAP)

Old Age Pension in non-contributory in Mauritius. Any Mauritian who has attained the age of 60, subject to a few months of minimum of residential requirements of six months, is entitled to the Old Age Pension. In England, the OAP is contributory and is paid from the age of 66 to qualified contributors. In France, where it is also contributory, the pension is payable to qualified people from the age of 64.

So, Mauritius is facing a situation where overseas Mauritians are coming to the country to reside for the required minimum period of stay that allows them to qualify for the OAP. The pension is payable as long as they do not stay outside Mauritius for a period of more than six months. So, once the 60+ years old overseas Mauritians become recipients of Old Age Pension in Mauritius, they do what is called the *va-et-vient* between Mauritius and the country where they are presently domiciling, where it is immaterial where they reside because they will have contributed to qualify for the pension.

They have to go back to their country of adoption because that's where their home really is, and where live their families, children and grandchildren.

The big question is how long will generous Mauritius be able to foot the bill, and will the children of the migrants' children likewise qualify for OAP in Mauritius?

Key challenges worth attention!

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Un retraité porte plainte pour retraits non autorisés

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Un récidiviste attaque un retraité

Mohamad Husein Abdool Rahim poursuivi pour escroquerie
Sylvio Sundanum : « Mo ti fer li konfians, linn profit mo febleess, linn tir kass ar mwa... »

Un homme menace des agents avec un couteau

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ARRESTATION D'UNE CHINOISE POUR POSSESSION DE RS 1,9 M DE FONDS SUSPECTS

Extorsion
Il menace sa mère de l'asperger d'huile bouillante

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