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Happy Easter

Tim Wade from Slovenia who has sent the picture on the right of an Easter Eggs Tree, says "I hope you have a Happy Easter".

He explains below how he makes those eggs hanging from the branches.



I blew off the white and the yolk from the eggs and cleaned the shells. I painted the shells with one colour, then scratch the decoration on the shell with a sharp knife. I learned this from my grandparents.



Road Traffic at Eastertime

Prime Minister Ramgoolam outlines measures to address drink driving and repeat offences



A total of 650 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol have been detected by the Police from 01 January to 27 March 2026, with a number of repeat offenders, said the Prime Minister, Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam 31 March in reply to a Parliamentary Question in the National Assembly.

The Prime Minister indicated that, out of the 650 cases, 46 suspects were at their second offence, five at their third offence, and two at their

fourth offence, according to information provided by the Commissioner of Police.

He recalled that the Police is intensifying targeted enforcement operations to curb drink driving, including alcotest checks, vehicle checkpoints and increased patrols during high-risk periods and at strategic locations. These efforts are being complemented by public awareness and sensitisation campaigns aimed at promoting responsible behaviour among road users.

Dr Ramgoolam further underlined that Government is taking stringent action against all forms of road traffic offences. The Road Traffic Act has recently been amended to reintroduce the penalty points system, providing for stricter sanctions such as automatic disqualification upon accumulation of points, longer licence suspension periods for repeat offenders, and tougher fines for serious offences, he said.

Moreover, he announced that the Ministry of Land Transport is preparing a new legislation to allow for the immediate impounding of vehicles belonging to individuals caught driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The proposed measures will also empower the Commissioner of Police to apply to a Judge in Chambers for the immediate suspension of driving licences in such cases.

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Economic Development Board (EDB) Mauritius expert driving economic growth in the Republic of Mauritius

Mauritius ranked Africa's most stable country in 2025, with the lowest political and economic risk

Mauritius has once again distinguished itself on the African continent, securing the top position as the most stable and least risky country in Africa for 2025, according to the Africa Country Instability Risk Index (ACIRI) published by SBM Intelligence, in November 2025.

With the lowest risk score of 17, Mauritius ranks as the safest country in Africa, reflecting strong governance, economic stability and minimal geopolitical threats. Mauritius stands in the "Safe" category, defined as countries scoring below 30, based on their aggregate risk scores.



Top 10 Most Stable African Countries in 2025

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Mauritius	17
2	Cape Verde	22
3	Lesotho	22
4	Liberia	27
5	Senegal	27
6	Seychelles	27
7	Namibia	27
8	Botswana	27
9	South Africa	29
10	Ghana	32

LANDING ON WATER

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HKIA)



THE LOGO - BIRD IN FLIGHT SEEN AS A WING OR SWOOSH

If you're flying long-haul with Cathay Pacific, chances are you'll pass through Hong Kong International Airport at some point. I've been through many times now, and it's one of those airports that always feels clean and well organized.

From New Chitose Airport (CTS) in Hokkaido, it's a pleasant six-hour flight down to Hong Kong. Once you're on board, there's good food, a bit of wine if you fancy it, and plenty of newly released movies to pass the time.

One advantage of arriving in the early hours is that the airport is very quiet, almost deserted. The downside, however, is that most shops, especially places to eat, are closed, so you're left with vending machines, lounges, or that one fast-food outlet that is always open.

The airport itself opened on 6 July 1998, replacing the old Kai Tak Airport. If you flew into Hong Kong before 1998, you might remember the dramatic, hair-raising landings, as aircraft descended between high-rise buildings in the middle of a densely populated city.

Space is always tight in Hong Kong. With around 70-75% of the land made up of mountains, hills or parks, only a small portion is left for its population of 7+ million people. That's why the airport was built on Chek Lap Kok, an island that was flattened, expanded, and merged with nearby Lam Chau using land reclamation. It's also linked to the city by the speedy Airport Express, which gets you into central Hong Kong in no time.

In simple terms, you can think of the airport layout as one long, straight line. At one end lies Terminal 1, the only terminal. The signage is in both English and Chinese, and with clearly marked zones and gate numbers, it's actually quite hard to get lost. You're either heading forward, or back the way you came.

That said, it's still enormous. Terminal 1 has over 70 gates and a short train ride will take you to the Midfield Concourse with a further 20 gates. The Satellite Concourse is also linked, keeping everything connected and moving smoothly.

As you make your way through, you might spot the "Always Assistance" electric buggies, with their vintage, almost old fashioned car appearance, gliding quietly through the terminal and helping passengers who need a lift. I was tempted to hop on myself, but it turns out you have to pre-book.

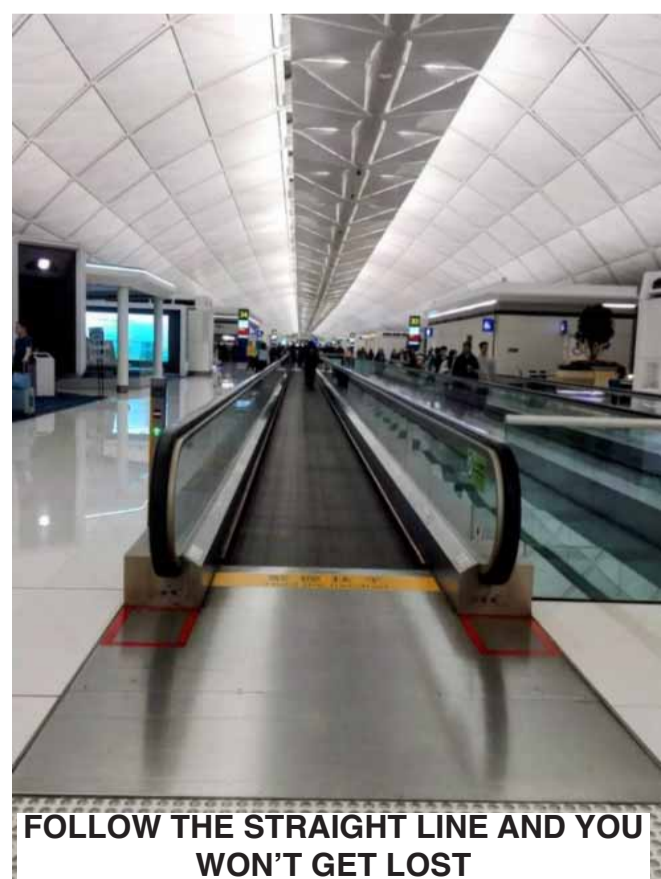
All around, there are flowers and art placed just so, creating the feeling of space without clutter. Quite impressive, really, for an airport that is the busiest in the world for cargo and still ranks among the top ten for passenger traffic.



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