

NEWS RELEASE

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Launch of a Special Commemorative Cover and other events to commemorate the 50 years of Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius and Mauritius Post launched a special commemorative cover today, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the airline. The launch function was held at the Air Mauritius Head Office in the presence of Air Mauritius Chairman - Dr Arjoon Suddhoo, Mauritius Post Chairperson - Mrs Gaitree Usha Brijmohun, Air Mauritius Officer-in-Charge – Mr Indradev (Raja) Buton, Mauritius Post CEO, Mr Giandev Moteea as well as senior officials of both organisations.

Air Mauritius has a tradition of holding such philatelic events to commemorate its key historical milestones. On 13 September 1973, it issued a “First flight cover” on the occasion of its first Piper Navajo flight to Rodrigues. It also issued a “First-day cover” to commemorate its first international flight on 31st October 1977, a “First-day cover” to commemorate its 25th Anniversary as well as two commemorative covers on the occasion of the launch of operations to Zurich and to Geneva.

Air Mauritius employees are gathering at the company’s offices in Port Louis, Ebène and at the airport as well as all its offices overseas to commemorate the company’s 50 years of history. A main function for employees will be held in the evening. Gatherings have also been planned for employees on shift and crew members on stayovers abroad.

Air Mauritius launched several promotional fares across its network to mark the occasion. A lucky draw will be held at 14H00 this afternoon to reward 50 lucky customers who purchased tickets between 15 May and 13 June 2017. Moreover, customers who will book and buy tickets today will be entitled to a discount. The airline has also planned special treats for passengers travelling today. Several CSR initiatives are being organized as a testimony of the company’s social engagement. The Air Mauritius award was launched last week inviting grade 12 (former Lower VI) students to submit business presentations on the theme ‘*Contributing to the Nation for 50 years and beyond*’. The first prize for the winning team will be a visit of Airbus Industrie in Toulouse.

This year is also a landmark one where Air Mauritius will be making unprecedented investments in its future. It will be taking delivery of the first two A350-900 as part of an order for 8 new generation aircraft. The airline will also embark on a cabin retrofit program on 6 aircraft of its existing fleet which is due to be completed in June 2018. As from then Air Mauritius will be offering an upgraded product to all its customers – spacious and more comfortable Economy Class cabins, full flat seats in Business Class, a state of the art entertainment system and WIFI connectivity on board. Following the launch of double daily flights to Pierrefonds, Reunion Island, the airline will start operations to Amsterdam with partner KLM and resume seasonal operations to Geneva as from this year.

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of four A340-300, two A340-300E, two A330-200, two A319-100 and three ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty-four destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean