

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY



President's Address



Dear readers, welcome to GCCI's first newsletter for the year 2020.

The month of January was buzzing with activity. There were a number of preparatory meetings for the year ahead. We outlined committees' goals for 2020 and met with GO-Invest to commence preparations for the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC 2020) among others. The Chamber also received an inbound trade delegation from the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC), as well as a number of courtesy visits from our regional and international partners.

I hope you have an enjoyable read!

What can you find in this Month's Newsletter?



January month in review

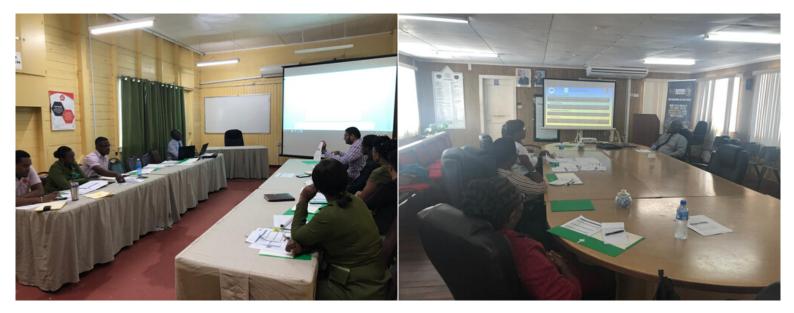


Who became members in January?



Member-Company Feature

CTCS Liaison Officer facilitates Training Sessions



On January 7th and 8th, 2020 the CTCS Liaison Officer, Mr. Eusi Evelyn, would have facilitated training sessions with representatives from the Guyana National Bureau of Stanadards (GNBS) and Government Analyst- Food and Drug Department (GA-FDD) on the CDB accounting systems that will be beneficial in managing the funds that they receive to conduct the works in the fields for the Agro-processing project.

GCCI receives Courtesy Call from a team of Malaysian Investors

On January 13th, 2020, Executives of the Chamber met with a team of investors from Prospek Suria SDN BHD, a Malaysian Company specializing in the prospecting, development and trade service of nonferrous metal mineral sources. The Malaysian delegation was headed by Mr. Ahmad Shabrimi Mohamed Sidek, Special Officer, Minister of Economic Affairs.



GCCI receives coutesy visit from Ambassador Juan Guiliani Cury

The Executive Members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) met with President of the newly established Dominican Republic-Guyana Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Juan Guiliani Cury on January 14th, 2020. The intent of the meeting was to discuss bilateral chamber business collaboration opportunities.



Contribution to the Cancer Institute of Guyana



On January 20th, 2020 members of the Membership Committee made a contribution of GYD \$100,000 to the Cancer Institute of Guyana. Proceeds were taken from the Women in Business Cocktail Mixer that was held in commemoration of breast cancer awareness on October 2019.



Interview with Reuters

On January 22nd, 2020 the President and the Executive Director participated in an interview which was conducted by the Reuters news organization.

Meeting with Bank of Saint Lucia



On January 22nd, 2020 Members of the Executive Management Committee met with representatives of the Bank of Saint Lucia.

GCCI & AVANSANT Foundation host Digital Skills Training Information Seminar

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) partnered with the **AVASANT** Foundation to host a Digital Skills Training Information Seminar on January 23rd. 2020 at the Office of the Chamber. The facilitated Chitra seminar was by Rajeshwari, Executive Director of AVASANT Foundation and was well attended by representatives of a number of member involved information companies in communication technology (ICT) training.





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Meeting with representatives from Bank of Saint Lucia

Members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry on January 22nd, 2020 met with a team from the Bank of Saint Lucia to discuss opportunities of doing business.



Private Sector Assures USA Congressional Delegation of its Commitment to Free and Fair Election Process



Members of Guyana's private sector reinforced their commitment towards ensuring a free and fair election process during a meeting with a visiting United States of America Congressional Delegation to Guyana which was held on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2020. The meeting was attended by President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), Nicholas Deygoo-Boyer, Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Captain Gerry Gouveia and President of the American Chamber of Commerce of Guyana, Mr. Zulfikar Ally.

Event of the Month

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomed the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce to Guyana

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) has collaborated with the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) to facilitate an incoming trade delegation of 10 Jamaican companies operating in various sectors including information communications technology (ICT), financial services, business support services, manufacturing, real estate development and distribution. The trade mission is scheduled to take place from January 26th– January 31st, 2020.

The GCCI views this initiative as a key advancement in the commercial relationship between Jamaica and Guyana. Through this engagement, the GCCI and the JCC hope to foster collaborative business relationships and encourage, promote, and facilitate trade and investment between Jamaica and Guyana. It will also allow the GCCI to advocate for Guyana as a destination for Jamaican investment.

The Trade Mission program include an Opening/Welcome Reception, meetings with prominent public and private sector representatives such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Guyana Office for Investment (GO-Invest) and the Centre for Local Business Development (CLBD), a Cocktail Reception, and a tour of the Banks D.I.H Facility. A key highlight of the agenda also included matchmaking sessions between members of the Chamber and members of the traveling delegation.



President of the JCC, Mr. Lloyd Distant Jr. presents his opening remarks at the Opening/Welcome Ceremony

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President of the GCCI meets with President of the JCC and other members of the traveling delegation



Members of the GCCI and JCC partakes in B-2-B sessions

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Pictures from the Cocktail Reception



The JCC during their courtesy tour at Bank D.I.H

Barbados Minister of Foreign Trade meets with GCCI to discuss opportunities for investment



On January 30th,2020, representatives of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and Barbados' Minister of the Foreign Trade Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Honourable Sandra Husbands. The meeting was also attended by officials of the Barbados Investment & Development Corporation (BIDC).

The BIDC and the Barbados Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade committed to engaging the GCCI further on matters relating to the export of produce from Guyana to Barbados with a specific focus on logistics.

Courtesy Visit from Mexican Ambassador to Guyana

On January 30th,2020, Members of the EMC met with Mexico's Ambassador to Guyana, His Excellency, Jose Omar Hurtado Contreras.



The Chamber Welcomes You On Board!

As of January 2020 the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry would like to take the opportunity to welcome its newest members:

- 1. Worley Trinidad Ltd
- 2. Bank of Baroda (Guyana)
- 3. Demerara Bank
- 4. Fugro USA Marine Inc.
- 5. Courtesy Rent-a-Car
- 6. Western Logistics
- 7. Powersonic Industries
- 8. Imran Auto Refinishing System
- 9. Wyndanch Inc.
- 10. Future Vision
- 11. Semakiah Woodworking Inc.
- 12. OceanAir Logistics
- 13. Glass & Cladding Company
- 14. Peterson Guyana Inc.
- 15. Global Stars International Imports & Exports
- 16. Guyana Payroll Solutions Inc.
- 17. Market Square
- 18. Selwren Fram
- 19. SASOD Guyana

Business Feature for the Month

Massiah Capital



Massiah Capital is a micro venture-capital company with core ventures spanning across media, agriculture and aviation. The company became a proud member of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the year 2018.

Some of the services offered by Massiah Capital includes:

- -Prototyping Business Models
- -PR Campaign Design and Management
- -Organization Creation & Development
- -Digital Media Consultancy
- -Ideation



CEO of Massiah Capital on a PR project with a client within the oil and gas industry in Guyana



Behind the Scenes of the Media Accelerator project within the entertainment industry



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