



# GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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President of GCCCI  
Deodat Indar

### *Message to the Members from the GCCCI President—Deodat Indar*

The GCCCI continues to advocate for the business community, facilitate meetings and provide networking opportunities for its members. The Chamber kickstarted the month by jointly hosting a massive job fair for the displaced GUYSUCO workers. The month continued by hosting a Trinidad Trade Mission, Dominican Republic Chamber of Commerce and the country's Export Promotion Agency for the upcoming Pro-Dominicana Trade Fair. The Chamber also facilitated meetings with the Minister of Public Infrastructure and the Commissioner of Police. The Chamber additionally held its first Business Mixer of the year 2018. We look forward to your continued support and hope you enjoy our second edition of this Newsletter.

### *Chamber in the News*



#### **KAIETEUR NEWS : FEB 1, 2018 -**

**Scores turn up for job fair at WCD:** - A job fair hosted by the Private Sector Commission (PSC) and the Region Three (Essequibo Islands-West Demerara) Chamber of Commerce saw scores of residents of Patentia and surrounding areas being hired on-the-spot yesterday. The initiative, hosted at the Patentia Tarmac, West Coast Demerara, aimed to provide a total of 807 jobs in various fields from several private and public bodies. Chairman of the Private Sector Commission, Edward Boyer described the career fair as the first of many to come.

#### **GUYANA CHRONICLE : FEB 2, 2018 -**

**Large turnout at Patentia job fair:** - The Private Sector Commission (PSC) in collaboration with public corporations on Wednesday hosted a job fair at Patentia, West Bank of Demerara targeting retrenched sugar workers. The fair sought to link potential employers and the retrenched workers primarily from the closed Wales Estate.

#### **GUYANA CHRONICLE : FEB 4, 2018 -**

**Sugar workers hired at job fair :** - Managing-Director of Gaico Construction and Services Komal Singh has challenged retrenched sugar workers to prepare for change and explore the opportunities set before them. Singh was at the time addressing residents in the Patentia area at the recent job fair hosted by the Private Sector Commission (PSC) and the Region Three (Essequibo Islands-West Demerara) Chamber of Commerce. The event saw residents of Patentia and surrounding areas being hired on-the-spot by various private and public companies.

#### **GUYANA CHRONICLE : FEB 10, 2018 -**

**GCCI condemns 'investors' ad:** - The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) has said that it strongly condemns the paid advertisement which reads to the effect: "Investors, go invest somewhere else," carried in the February 7, 2018 editions of the Kaieteur News and the Stabroek News.

## *Notice of Annual General Meeting*

Notice is hereby given that the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the Roraima Duke Lodge, Symposium, Kingston, Georgetown at 13:00 hours for the following purposes:

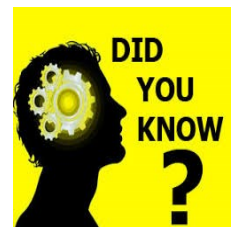
### Agenda

- Reading of the Notice convening the Meeting
- Presentation of the President's 2017/2018 Report
- Auditors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017
- Resolutions
- Election of the 2018/2019 Council
- Appointment of an Auditor
- Consideration of any business or motion as may properly come before the meeting

All members are reminded to be in good financial standing with the Chamber and also nominate their representative and alternate.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

The longest serving Presidents of the GCCCI were Mr. C.G.A Wyatt who served as President in 1904 & 1908-1911 and more recently Mr. Manniram Prashad who served as President from 1995-2001.



*Some highlights for this month included:*

### *GCCI & Minister of Public Infrastructure*

A team from the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry met with the Minister of Public Infrastructure David Patterson on Feb 15, 2018 on a courtesy call to discuss major infrastructural development projects, areas for partnership with the private sector, development of the natural gas pipelines amongst other areas. A presentation was made by the Minister and his technical staff after which questions were fielded by the Chamber members. ***In photo:*** Vice Presidents, Executive Director and GCCI team with Minister of Public Infrastructure



### *Business Mixer*

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted its quarterly Business Mixer on Feb 22, 2018, the first of 2018 at the Upper Level of Palm Court, Main Street, Georgetown. The event was a great success with over 140 persons in attendance including the Minister of Finance Winston Jordan, Diplomatic representatives from the USA, China and the EU Delegation and the Leader of the Opposition Bharrat Jagdeo. Scores of businessmen, professionals and leaders in the community supported the event.



### *NIS Education Session*

The National Insurance Scheme in collaboration with the GCCI hosted an education session for members of the GCCI on Feb 28, 2018 in an effort to ensure that all sections of our society are made aware of the benefits offered by the scheme and Employers, Employees and Self-Employed persons' understand their obligations to NIS. The areas discussed included :- the registration process for Employer, Self Employed, Employees, Compliance issues, preparation of Contribution Schedules-Electronic submission, benefits and qualifying conditions, how to make a claim, factors affecting payment of benefits, Caricom Reciprocal Agreement and accessing information on the website.



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### *GCCI & Guyana Police Force*

The President and Junior Vice President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry met with Police Commissioner, Mr. Seelall Persaud to discuss areas for collaboration with the private sector and the Guyana Police Force, crime situation and the effects on commerce and business, amongst other things. Out of this meeting, it was agreed that a dialogue committee would be formed to facilitate interface between the GPF and the GCCI.

### *Job Fair*

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry jointly held a Job Fair at Wales, West Bank Demerara for the displaced sugar workers. To date, over 100 persons have been able to garner employment from the job fair with many more in the pipeline. Scores of job seekers turned up at the event to register for jobs.



*In photo: President Deodat Indar gives remarks to the media at the job fair whilst Senior VP Nicholas Deygoo and member Komal Singh Look on*

### *Reception for Canadian Delegation*

The GCCI & Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA) signed an MoU in November 2017. With executive members of NEIA in Guyana for GIPEX, the Chamber held a networking and reception event at The Vintage Wine Bar & Restaurant.

*Photos (l) GCCI President & Canadian High Commissioner ; (b) GCCI ED, Councillor Gouviea and NEIA executives*



## Special Feature—GIPEX 2018

The Inaugural Guyana International Petroleum Business Summit & Exhibition (GIPEX 2018) was a Convention in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Guyana hosted by the Minister of Natural Resources on 7-9 February 2018 at The Marriott Hotel, in Georgetown, Guyana.

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supported by relevant Government Organizations, Asso-

ciations, Industry Experts, National and International Oil Companies and various other stakeholders in order to establish a strategic dialogue. GIPEX 2018 will explore the huge untapped potential of this historic country. The event will continue to establish a dynamic relationship between the Ministry of Natural Resources, Guyana & the Private sector with full Co-Operation from other Govern-



(L-R) President GCCI, Finance Minister Winston Jordan and Chairman of the PSC Mr. Eddie Boyer



GCCI Booth at GIPEX

ment Departments working to make Guyana a favorable & Pro Business Destination, a prerequisite for boosting economic activities and achieving development objectives.

GIPEX 2018 was attended by more than 600 delegates and 175 companies from a range of countries so that new partnerships could be created, new ideas forged, best practice experience shared, and business could ultimately be done all under one roof and across three very exciting days while featuring thought provoking keynote lectures, oral and poster presentations.

It was touted as Global Initiative which provided an excellent networking platform for Existing Petroleum and Gas companies, Service Providers, Equipment Companies and Investors through which interested parties will be informed about opportunities and developments in this sector and industries. This large scale conference & exhibition event brought together senior level decision and policy makers from the global Petroleum and Gas Industry and focused on trade and investment opportunities in Guyana. It provided a platform for researchers/scientists and academics to share and globalize

their research work while the participants from industry can promote their products thus felicitating dissemination of knowledge.

## What the Chamber has been up to for the month of February

Date	Meeting and Events
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018	Guyana Association of Municipalities Stakeholders Meeting Meeting with Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018	Local Content Master Class Presentation
February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	MOFA - Consultations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration Final Evaluation of EPA & CSME Standby Facilities - Deslyn Griffith EPA Public Scoping Meeting on the Environmental Impact Assessment for Liza Phase 2 Project
February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	GNBS Consultation on the requirements for Low Pressure Regulators for the use with Liquefied Petroleum Gases
February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	El Dorado Offshore Staff & Customer Appreciation
February 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	GIPEX 2018
February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Meeting with representatives from Global Energy Solutions/ Crane Worldwide Logistics Presentation of the In-Depth Analysis of the Bureau of Statistics and the NSS
February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Meeting with Barbados Trade Mission
February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Green State Development State Multi-Stakeholder Expert Group Meeting Guyana Metal Dealers & General Exporters Association Inaugural Ceremony Introduction Meeting with Growing Performance TT
February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Meeting with Caribbean Jobs - Mrs. Caroline Paul & Team
February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Meeting - Public Private Partnership Policy Framework for Guyana Presentation Guyana Police Officers' Conference Opening Ceremony Meeting with the Minister of Public Infrastructure
February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Rio Conventions Mainstreaming Project   Economic and Financial Experts Working Group Meeting Finance Committee Meeting GUYOIL Seminar on the benefits of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel
February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Security & Governance Committee Meeting Meeting for External Steering Committee for the ASYCUDA World Implementation Project. Courtesy Call with the Commissioner of Police
February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs Business Information Talk GCCCI Statutory Council Meeting
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2018	IADB Stakeholder Invitation - Electronic Single Window for Guyana Business Mixer 2018
February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Green State Development Strategy Meeting - GSDS Multi-stakeholder Expert Group Meeting Business Guyana Magazine Meeting 'Strategies for Economic Revival in Region 6' - Panel Discussion
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	CUSO Placement Meeting NIS Information Session Farewell Parade for Commissioner of Police - Seelall Persaud UNEP Green conversations - Green Jobs and Sustainable Business The Duke Art & Restaurant Opening