

GCCI Newsletter

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



President's Address



Dear readers, welcome to the official quarterly e-newsletter of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

This volume covers the activities of the Chamber for the period February, 2020 to April, 2020.

During the course of this time, the Chamber would have held its annual election for a new Executive Committee and Council. As your re-elected President, I can assure you that my team remains steadfast in its lobbying and advocacy work, especially under the threat of COVID-19.

Please enjoy this quarter's edition.

What can you find in this Month's Newsletter?



February, March and April month in review



Who became members in February, March and April?



Member-Company Feature

GCCI's Month in Review- February

GCCI and GYEITI to collaborate for transparency initiative buy-in

On February 5th, 2020 The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) held a meeting with the Guyana Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative to discuss how the two entities could collaborate on cultivating a culture of transparency in the natural resources sector.



Meeting with Honourable, Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados



On February 6th, 2020 the Executive Director, Mr. Richard Rambarran and Chairperson of the Trade and Investment Committee, Mr. Timothy Tucker met with the Honourable, Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the opportunities for enhancing trade between Guyana and Barbados, and to discuss other pivotal matters surrounding CARICOM.

GCCI's Month in Review- February

GCCI hosts sensitization seminar on Metering in the Oil & Gas industry



On February 7th, 2020 the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted an "Metering in the Oil and Gas Industry" Seminar. The seminar was facilitated by Mr. Daniel Sequeira, Director-Americas for the Haimo Technologies Group Corp. Mr. Sequeira, an oil and gas professional with over 30 years of experience in business development and operations management, explained the importance of flow meters in oil and gas operations. Oil and gas metering informs operators, investors and other relevant stakeholders of actual production rates which is critical to the execution of production optimization and reservoir management strategies. Oil and gas metering is carried out using specialized and high-precision equipment to ensure accuracy.

GCCI received a Courtesy Call from Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic to Guyana

On February 7th, 2020 the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomed a courtesy visit by the Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic to Guyana, His Excellency Carlos Nuno Almeida de Sousa Amaro.



GCCI's Month in Review- February

GCCI & CreditInfo Guyana host Information Session on Credit Risk Management Strategies



CreditInfo Guyana facilitated an Information Session for members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) on Tuesday, February 11th, 2020. The CreditInfo Team presented on "Effective Credit Risk Management Strategies for Improved Profitability, Collections and Compliance".

The objective of the seminar was to provide participants with an overview of credit risk management solutions. CreditInfo Guyana also advised members on how they can access their current credit profiles.

Executives of the GCCI met with the ERC

On February 7th, 2020 the Executives of the GCCI met with representatives of the Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC). The intent of the meeting was to discuss opportunities for collaboration between the GCCI and the ERC.



The GCCI partnered with Finnpartnership to host a "Doing Business with Finland" seminar.

Delivering on its mandate to provide new business opportunities for local businesses, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) partnered with Finnpartnership, a business partnership programme financed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, to host a "Doing Business with Finland" Seminar on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at the Office of the Chamber.

GCCCI's Month in Review- February



Finland's Roving Ambassador for the Caribbean, Pertti Ikonen, delivered opening remarks at the event, noting that the seminar was an excellent opportunity for Guyanese and Finnish businesses to explore areas of mutual interest with the intention of establishing Joint Ventures and similar partnerships. The Finnish Ambassador added that Finland is an attractive business hub as the country is globally renowned for its expertise in the ICT and education sectors and has been ranked among the top countries in the world in green economy.



GCCI's Month in Review- February

Members of the GCCI met with ETERMAR



Members of the GCCI on February 19th, 2020 met with Mr. Rui Antunes of ETERMAR, which is a leading Portuguese company in the Engineering and Construction sectors.

GCCI signs MoU with THAG



On February 20th, 2020 the Executive Director of the GCCI, Mr. Richard Rambarran would have signed an Memorandum of Understanding with the Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana (THAG). The intent of the project is to build and development capacity within the sector by designing a curriculum that could be used to train learners.

CONTINUATION OF FEBRUARY MONTH IN REVIEW

- February 20th, 2020: The GCCI met with representatives of Global Event Partners to discuss the Guyana Basin Summit 2020.
- February 25th, 2020: The Trade Officer attended a Sensitization Session hosted by the Office of Trade Negotiations.
- February 25th, 2020: The Executive Director met with representatives of the Women in Gas Forum.

GCCI's Month in Review- February

- February 25th, 2020: The Executive Director met with Kazburgas JSC, an oilfield services company based in Kazakhstan.
- February 26th, 2020: The GCCI met with Chilean company, PowerTrak Construction & Services, to discuss opportunities for doing business.
- February 26th, 2020: Representatives of the GCCI attended a briefing session for local observers. The session was hosted by GECOM.
- February 27th, 2020: President, Mr. Deygoo-Boyer delivered a presentation at the Caricham-Brics+ Conference 2020.
- February 28th, 2020: The Executive Director met with the Office of the High Commissioner of the Human Rights Mission to discuss human rights issues in Guyana during the election period.
- February 28th, 2020: The President and the Executive Director participated in an interview with Germany's international broadcaster, DW Deutsche Welle.



- February 28th, 2020: The GCCI's Observer Team attended an observer training session which was hosted by the PSC.



GCCI's Month in Review- March

Elections in Guyana

In preparation for Guyana's Elections 2020 that was dated March 2nd, 2020, The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) had submitted an application to the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) for accreditation as a Domestic Observer for the General and Regional Elections 2020.

On January 24th, 2020, GECOM accredited GCCI as a Domestic Observer. The Chamber fielded twenty-five (25) local observers in Regions 3 and 4. However, a much larger outreach was done through collaboration with the Private Sector Commission (PSC), the Bar Association of Guyana and the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM).

In the month of March, observations at the Tabulation Centre continued beyond March 2nd, 2020 and to accommodate the restriction on observers in the tabulation room which was imposed by GECOM, the GCCI's team, thereafter utilized a shift system which allowed for observers to be rotated every three hours.

During this month, the GCCI also took the initiative of starting its "One Guyana; Build Guyana, Don't Break Guyana" Campaign on all of its social media platforms. Some of the images submitted by online users are as follows:

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING
SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND DEMOCRACY**



JOIN THE GCCI'S
**ONE GUYANA
CAMPAIGN**

Send us your photos of
UNITY AND DIVERSITY.



WE COMMIT TO BUILDING GUYANA



GCCI's Month in Review- April

- April 6, 2020: In an effort to coordinate a response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Guyana, senior representatives of the GCCI hosted virtual meetings with the Cuban Ambassador, H.E Narciso Reinaldo Amador, Indian High Commissioner, Dr. K.J Srinivasa, and Chinese Ambassador, H.E Cui Jianchun. All discussions included collaborative efforts to cope with the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- April 18, 2020: Senior representatives of the GCCI attended a meeting hosted by the Ministry of Business for the purpose of crafting a stimulus/relief package for businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.
- April 23, 2020: The GCCI hosted its 130th Annual General Meeting via Zoom.

Newly Elected Council and Executive Management Committee of GCCI for the year 2020/2021

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) recently held its 130th Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect a new Executive Management Committee and Council of the GCCI for the year 2020/2021. This event was virtually done in order to observe all social distancing protocols.

President, Mr. Nicholas Deygoo-Boyer and his team reported on the performance of the GCCI over the past year and discussed what the future holds for the business support organization. To view the President's speech, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/2WePWXg>.

The GCCI's Annual Report for the year 2019/2020 can also be viewed online at: <https://gcci.gy/gcci-annual-report-2019-2020/>.

At the AGM, elections for the Chamber's 21-member Council were held and the following members were elected as the new Council of the Chamber for the year 2020/2021:

GCCI's Month in Review- April

No.	Name	Company
1	Nicholas Boyer	National Hardware Guyana Ltd.
2	Timothy Tucker	Rid-O-Pes
3	Dr. Roshan Khan	Social Rank Media
4	Gerald Gouveia Jr.	Roraima Airways
5	Kester Hutson	Dapper Technology
6	Deodat Indar	Sterling Products Ltd.
7	Anije Lambert	Project Development Consultancy
8	Shaleeza Shaw	Demerara Bank Limited
9	Komal Ramnauth	Kojac Marketing Agency
10	Javed Khan	Republic Bank Guyana Limited
11	Keon Howard	Winedaysgy
12	Marisca Jordan	RAMPS Logistics Guyana Inc.
13	Briony Tiwarie	BK Supermix Inc.
14	Shaam Outar	A&S Enterprise
15	Anita Ramprasad	Machinery Corporation of Guyana Ltd. (MACORP)
16	Navin Prashad	M.P. Insurance Brokers & Consultants
17	Dr. Vishnu Doerga	ActionINVEST Caribbean Inc.
18	Derek Stoby	Muneshwers Limited
19	Gavin Ramsoondar	JR Ranch Inc.
20	Khemraj Goberdhan	Diamond Fire & General Insurance Inc.
21	Samuel Arjoon	Guyana Beverages Inc

The EMC comprises a President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President. The elected Executives are as follows:

President(re-elected)- Mr. Nicholas Deygoo-Boyer

Senior Vice President- Mr. Timothy Tucker

Junior Vice President- Ms. Anije Lambert

Treasurer- Mr. Kester Hutson

Secretary- Ms. Shaleeza Shaw

Immediate Past President- Mr. Deodat Indar

The membership and Secretariat of the GCCI would like to congratulate the Councillors and the Executives and look forward to their stewardship of the GCCI in these challenging times.

The Chamber Welcomes You On Board!

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

1. Eco Atlantic International Investment Inc.
2. ENVIROPLUS Inc.
3. GK Inc.
4. Jofer Civil Mechanical & Industrial Company Ltd.
5. Marine Traders Atlantic Inc.
6. Ricks and Sari Agro Industries Ltd.
7. Zip Logistics

Business Feature for the Month



GENESIS GROUP SLP

Genesis Marine (Guyana) Inc. is a Genesis Group is a privately owned and operated company that provides bespoke services in the Marine Services and International Logistics sectors. The companies that make up the Group are specialized in Ships Agency, Ships Supply, Marine Logistics, Project Logistics, Freight Forwarding and Customs Brokerage. From the inception in 2007 and with their early development firmly rooted in the maritime industry, Genesis Group has since grown into a fully-fledged shipping & logistics company that provides diversified and comprehensive solutions across the transportation sector in general. Genesis Group has its own offices in the important industrial centres of North, South and Central America as well as the Caribbean and they are perfectly positioned to attend your needs across this important region.

SERVICES BRIEFCASE

Marine Division

- Port Agency Services.
- Owners & Charterers. Representation.
- Full Liner Agency.
- Cargo Documentation & Supervision.
- Dry Bulk/ Liquid Bulk.
- Offshore operations.
- Bunkering, fresh water & waste removal service
- Crew Joining and Repatriation.
- Full Immigration Requirements (Incl. letter of Invitation and/or Visas).
- Medical/ Dental Services for crew.
- Ships' Spares.
- Customs Clearance.
- Lubricant Delivery.
- Chemicals.



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