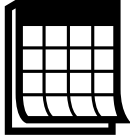




# NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Georgetown  
Chamber of Commerce & Industry



SEPTEMBER IN  
REVIEW



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## WELCOME TO THE GCCI

In September 2025, the Council of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry approved the applications of its newest cohort of members. We would like to take the opportunity to extend our warmest welcome to:

The Home Store Inc
AAGENS
Grace Enterprise Guyana Inc.
Ride Along GY
Preya' s Plant Paradise
Constructora Bayona Marte CBYMAR Inc.
C1 Water Industries (Guyana) Inc.

## EVENTS

### GCCI participates in BSO roundtable on workforce development



The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) on September 19 participated in a roundtable discussion on 'Workforce Development' that was hosted by ExxonMobil Guyana Limited in partnership with ACE Consulting Group and the Centre for Local Business Development.

Senior Vice President, Mr. Gavin Ramsoondar and Councillor and Executive Member, Mr. Richard Rambarran represented the GCCI at the engagement. Discussions delved into Guyana's labour shortage, national manpower statistics and initiatives that have been undertaken to address current challenges in this regard.

This roundtable discussion is the third iteration of this activity and was geared towards beginning the conversation on how policies can be shaped to meet the country's needs. This discourse is expected to continue on a regular basis and is aimed at addressing critical issues affecting the development of Guyana's business community.

## GCCI President encourages businesses to approach GuyExpo 2025 with intentionality



President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), Mrs. Kathy S. Smith has urged businesses that are participating in GuyExpo 2025 to do so with intentionality.

Speaking at the launch on September 29 at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre, Mrs. Smith stated that GuyExpo has always been more than an exhibition. “It is a platform for businesses to showcase their products and services. It is a space to connect, to network, and to build new supply chains and partnerships,” she stated.

The event is slated for November 13 to 16, 2025, at the National Exhibition Centre, Sophia, Georgetown, and pointing to the theme, “Transformation through entrepreneurship and innovation,” Mrs. Smith stated that this focal point is both timely and important. “...these two elements—entrepreneurship and innovation—are at the heart of Guyana’s transformation story.”

The GCCI President noted that with the government’s investment into diversification of the economy and the transformational impact of the petroleum sector, opportunities for local businesses abound. She said, “Today, Guyana’s business landscape is shifting. The petroleum industry has raised the bar. Businesses are innovating—not only to meet growing demand—but to satisfy new requirements and compliance standards. This is transformation in action, and it is happening within our private sector.”

Addressing the businesses that will be participating in this year’s GuyExpo, Mrs. Smith underscored the importance of marketing their brands and networking. “GuyExpo is not just about selling a few products. It is about marketing your products and services, and expanding your customer base. It is about selling your business. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about the existing market—where you can potentially partner with another company or business to increase your reach or expand your offerings,” she iterated.

The GCCI President also extended gratitude to the government of Guyana for its continued investment in the development of local businesses and reiterated the Chamber’s support for all initiatives that benefit both the private sector and citizenry.

## MEETINGS

### **U.S Embassy's new Senior Commercial Officer and GCCI Executives discuss potential areas for increased collaboration**



Members of the Executive Management Committee of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and the Commercial Section of the U.S Embassy recently discussed areas for potential collaboration with the aim of expanding support to the private sector.

This discourse began on September 30, during a visit to the GCCI by Senior Commercial Officer at the United States Embassy, Mr. Bruce J. Ellsworth. He was accompanied by Commercial Specialist, Ms. Amanda Edmondson, and Commercial Assistant, Ms. Tocoma Alexis, and met with President of the GCCI, Mrs. Kathy S. Smith; Junior Vice President, Mr. Brian Edwards, and Executive Member and Immediate Past President, Mr. Kester Hutson.

The conversation delved into support for inbound and outbound missions, trade show participation, and franchising support, as well as connecting members of the health industry with international companies in this sector.

The two parties committed to continuing this discourse and fostering a closer relationship for the benefit of private sector development.

**STATEMENT**



**Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

“Serving Guyana through Commerce and Industry since 1889”

President: Mrs. Kathy S. Smith

September 6, 2025

Statement *by*

**The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

**Congratulating the PPP/C Government on its re-election**

**-START-**

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) extends its congratulations to President, His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali and the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) on their re-election to office in the General and Regional Elections 2025.

The Chamber is committed to collaborating with the government for the continued development of Guyana and upliftment of the people.

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**Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

“Serving Guyana through Commerce and Industry since 1889”

President: Mrs. Kathy S. Smith

September 3, 2025

Statement *by*

**The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry *commending***

**Peaceful, Free, Fair, and Transparent Voting Process**

**-START-**

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) commends Guyana’s electorate on a peaceful, free, fair, and transparent polling day on September 1, 2025, that displayed maturity and stability during this crucial democratic process.

The Chamber also applauds the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) for the execution of an efficient procedure that was without disruptions to the voting process. However, the GCCI calls on GECOM to implement systems that allow people living with disabilities to comfortably access polling stations and exercise their constitutional franchise.

The GCCI also urges GECOM to undertake a stronger and more targeted voter education programme to ensure that all segments of the population are well-informed on how to cast their ballots.

As the country awaits the declaration of results, the Chamber re-emphasises its call for timely and credible results, and a peaceful conclusion to GRE 2025.

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# STATEMENT



## Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry

"Serving Guyana through Commerce and Industry since 1889"

President: Mrs. Kathy S. Smith

September 19, 2025

Statement *by*

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry *welcoming*

Increased efficiency through digitalisation and city enhancement

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The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) welcomes the focus on efficiency and modernisation by the Government of Guyana through the introduction of electronic identification cards (e-ID), online applications for passports and the renewed enhancement of the city.

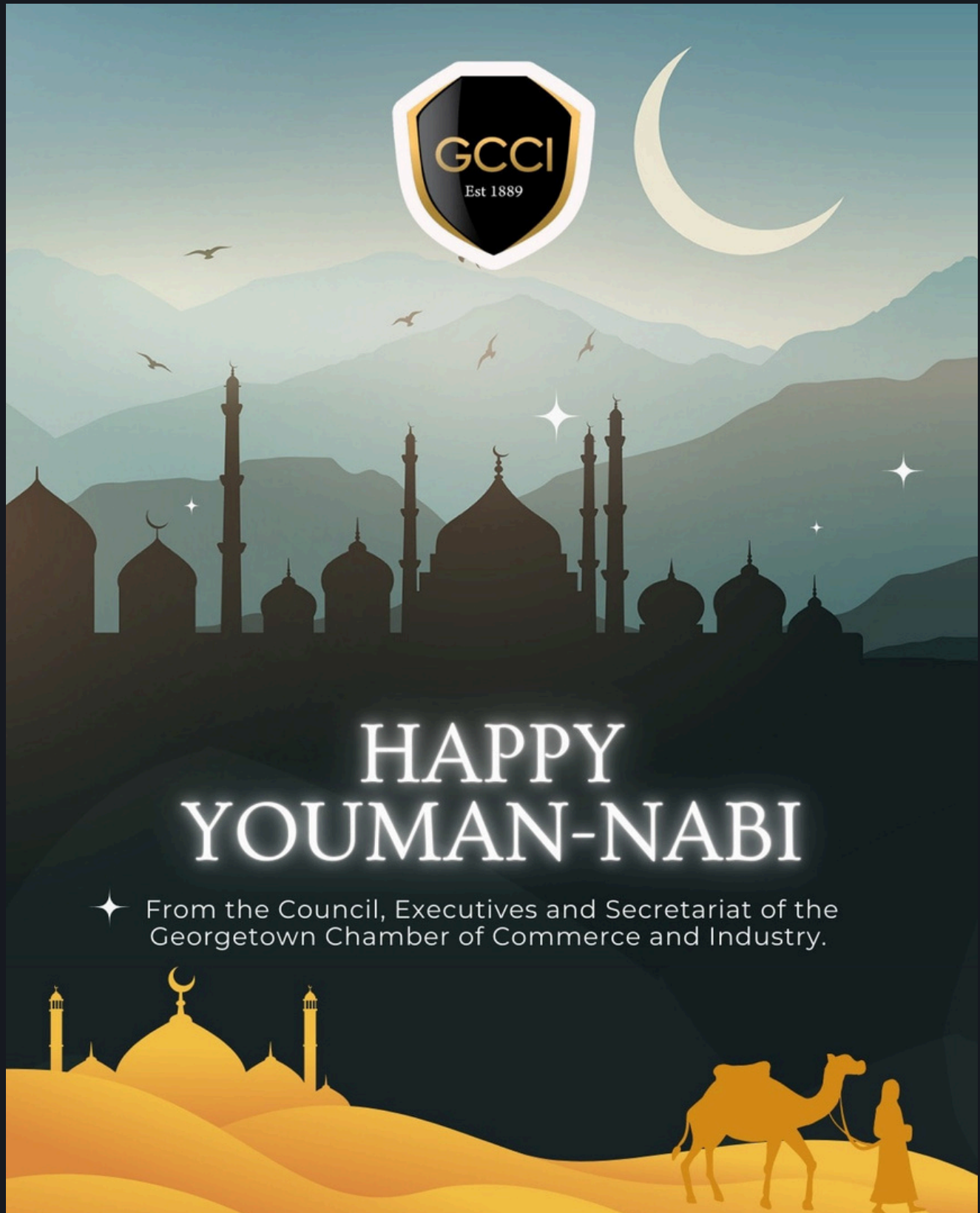
The Chamber, as a business support organisation, has long-advocated for the advancement of digitalisation in Guyana, as such the GCCI is pleased that e-IDs will be implemented by the end of this month. This initiative can also support transparency during electoral seasons as it provides a platform for identification of voters through biometrics and for the authentication of ID cards. The decentralisation of the passport application process and introduction of an online process will provide a time-saving and convenient procedure for citizens, while increasing accessibility of services.

As Guyana's business landscape continues to evolve, the drive to enhance the city will also lend to a more investor-friendly environment. The GCCI has noted that the initial plans include keen focus on sustainable urban development, heritage preservation, biodiversity, citizen engagement, upgraded drainage networks, architectural restoration, waste management and city upkeep. These areas are crucial factors in the creation of an attractive investment and tourism destination.

The GCCI readily supports the efforts of the government to improve the standard of living, access to services and quality of life for the people of Guyana.

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GREETING



# HAPPY YOUUMAN-NABI

✦ From the Council, Executives and Secretariat of the  
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry extends congratulations to His Excellency, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali on his re-election to office.

