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Newsletter

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

The Maple Leaf Ball 2023





KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Excellency

President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali

President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, in his speech at The Maple Leaf Ball 2023, emphasized the importance of leveraging technology and innovation from Canada to develop competitive products in Guyana. He encouraged: "We have to take the rawness of what we have here today, apply the technology and innovation that exists in Canada, bring it together and work on developing that competitive product. Every company here must be looking for international partnerships and that is usefulness of these Chambers - To allow that smooth connection and networking between companies here and companies in Canada."

He continued, underlining the Importance of the Chambers' role in facilitating these smooth connections.; as well as his vision for Guyana's growth and development, in tandem with technology, thus strengthening the relationship between our two nations. He closed by sharing his aspiration to align thinking and foster collaboration for mutual success.

President Ali's words resonated with the audience, highlighting the promising future of Canada-Guyana relations



FULL SPEECH:

youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=g7NWm1a1KzE



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GUEST SPEAKER

H. E. High Commissioner of Canada to Guyana Mark Berman

High Commissioner Berman, delivered a significant speech at the Maple Leaf Ball 2023, expressing, "I'm very honored to be here as the High Commissioner of Canada to Guyana, representing the enduring, ever-evolving, and strengthening relationship between our two nations." He congratulated the CGCC for its dedicated work in fostering economic relationships and commended The Maple Leaf Ball as a platform to showcase Canadian heritage and Guyanese culture. He stressed the inspirational efforts by the Chamber toward enhancing the connections between our two nations and expressed enthusiasm in our continued growth and success. His words underlined the profound significance of the ongoing relationship between Canada and Guyana, reinforcing the evening's theme of partnership and unity.



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CGCC CHAIR Anand Beharry

Anand Beharry, Chair of the CGCC, delivered a notable speech at the Maple Leaf Ball 2023, expressing, "Tonight it is my honour to welcome you all to the inaugural Maple Leaf Ball - For the first time ever being hosted in the Caribbean, The Maple Leaf Ball is a globally prestigious event that is celebrated all over the world for Canada to celebrate its business partnerships and cultural partnerships. For the first time, the CGCC hosts it, here, in our beautiful country." Anand's words marked a historic moment as the CGCC hosted this renowned event in Guyana, signifying the Chamber's commitment to fostering international ties. His speech resonated with the evening's theme of collaboration, connection, and boundless potential, showcasing the resilient journey of the Chamber as it continues to evolve and weave the fabric of Canada-Guyana relations.



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THE MAPLE LEAF BALL 2023 AWARD CEREMONY

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The stage was set aglow at The Maple Leaf Ball, where the CGCC celebrated excellence through its prestigious Award Ceremony. Four outstanding awards took center stage, recognizing visionary leadership, remarkable achievements in the world of business, the empowerment of women entrepreneurs, and the fostering of international partnerships.

The Visionary Leadership Award honored Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, Guyana's President, for his unwavering support in uniting Canada and Guyana for mutual prosperity.

Omkaar Sharma of Amaya Milk Co. received the Business Excellence Award, symbolizing innovation and ambition in the business world.

Patricia Bachhus of CCI, Women in Business Awardee, exemplified strength and leadership in traditionally male-dominated fields.

The International Partnership Award recognized NSB omega represented by Divya Doerga, highlighting their global collaboration and impactful achievements.

This Award Ceremony was a testament to the enduring spirit of excellence, empowerment, and visionary leadership. It showcased the remarkable contributions of individuals who inspire us all.





His Excellency
President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

*Dr. Mohamed
Irfaan Ali*

RECIPIENT OF
The Visionary Leadership Award 2023

In recognition of His Excellency President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali's visionary leadership in advancing The Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce's mission, & fostering economic growth between our two nations.



Dr. Vishnu Doerga ~ "The recipient of this prestigious award tonight, our President, His Excellency Dr. Irfaan Ali, embodies the essence of visionary leadership. His journey is intrinsically connected to the very inception of our Chamber, & his enduring support & dedication have been our corner stone in advancing our mission."



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Omkaar Sharma

AMAYA MILK COMPANY

RECIPIENT OF

The Business Excellence Award 2023

In recognition of the outstanding achievements
& innovation in business practices.

"The Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce has actually been very integral in the establishing of Amaya Milk Company. I wanted to express my profound gratitude to the CGCC for awarding us with this Business Excellence Award at The Maple Leaf Ball tonight, it means a lot to me to be recognized for this.

You know, a lot of times you get so carried away with working on what you're working on, that you forget to look up to see how the world is receiving what you're doing. This has really been a much appreciated re,under that I am actually doing something worthwhile and that other people appreciate what I'm doing. Thank you so much! ~ Omkaar Sharma



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Caribbean Container Inc.
Manufacturers of Corrugated Packaging



Patricia Bacchus

Managing Director
CARIBBEAN CONTAINER INC.

RECIPIENT OF

The Women in Business Award 2023

Celebrating the remarkable contributions of
women in shaping the business landscape.

"I wish to first express my gratitude to the Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce for recognizing me as a deserving candidate to receive this award. While I am grateful for the recognition that my 17 years in business has afforded me I'm acutely aware that my presence here tonight, in no small measure is due to the sacrifices, hard-work & determination of those women who came before me. Against all odds and across all sectors they managed to create a space for women in leadership, making it possible for women like me to know that we too can aspire to shatter those glass ceilings. I remain inspired by the belief that those women who will come after me, with not only the ability, but with an unparalleled determination, will carve out an even larger space for women in business & accomplish much more than I can aspire to.

My philosophy is simple, "face life with gratitude, do things well,
& try to leave the world a better place." ~ *Patricia Bacchus*



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Divya Doerga

Operations Manager
On Behalf of
NSB omega

RECIPIENT OF
The International Partnership Award 2023
In honour of collaborations that have
enriched cross-border connections &
opportunities.

"This award has a special meaning for us as it reaffirms our commitment to fostering connections that go beyond work. Daily, we have the privilege of utilizing the skills & expertise gained from this partnership to provide valuable employment opportunities for the people of Guyana.

Being recognized with this award means so much to us because it validates all of the effort that we've put in with the expertise we've gained from our partners as well. This is like a dream come true tonight because it just shows that the hard work that we've been putting in is finally coming to fruition & recognition." ~ *Divya Doerga*



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HIS EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT

DR. MOHAMED
IRFAAN ALI





OUR HONOURABLE
MEMBER

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Thank you

FROM
THE CANADA GUYANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



A HEARTFELT

Thank you

The Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce (CGCC), extends our heartfelt gratitude for the generous support of our Sponsors, whose contributions were instrumental in making this event a reality. We are deeply appreciative of your pivotal role in this endeavor.

We wish to also thank each and every one of our Suppliers & Service Providers for your exceptional contributions to The Maple Leaf Ball 2023. Your expertise, dedication and tireless commitment, played a vital role in making this event a resounding success. Your professionalism and hard work were truly outstanding.

We also express our deepest appreciation to all event attendees, whose support & presence at The Maple Leaf Ball 2023 were a testament to the strength of our community.

Your enthusiasm added a special touch to the event, & we are truly grateful for your support. We look forward to collaborating & creating even more memorable moments together in the future.

With our sincerest gratitude,

the cgcc team.





**MICHELLE S. MOSELEY, FMA, MBA, CLC,
PH. D CANDIDATE
ADVISOR. COACH. EDUCATOR**

The CGCC welcomed Michelle S. Moseley as a valued Member in July of this year. Michelle possesses a diverse background spanning financial advising, life coaching, and education.

Originally from Guyana and now in Canada, she seamlessly transitioned from teaching to banking before returning to education and embracing financial advising.

With an impressive list of credentials, including an MBA in Leadership and Management and life coaching certification, she's dedicated to lifelong learning and empowering others.

Michelle's independent practice, MSM Financial & Coaching Practice is intent on providing education on saving and investing as well as providing coping skills for life. The goal is to reach as many as possible (particularly young people) in Canada and Guyana, to foster a world with a better understanding of how finances work and how to be actively involved in managing and growing one's wealth. The aim is also to share knowledge on how to manage life in general, for optimum benefits.

Upon being asked about her experience with the CGCC, Michelle warmly stated, "I am incredibly pleased to be a member of the Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce and look forward to ongoing networking and knowledge sharing."



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