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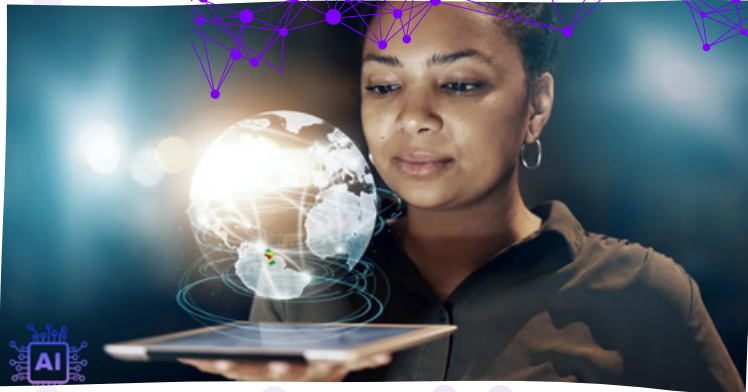


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ELECTIONS IN GUYANA 2025



The Canada-Guyana Chamber of Commerce extends heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali on his resounding electoral victory and re-election as President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

President Ali's re-election is a testament to the trust and confidence placed in his leadership by the people of Guyana. Under his stewardship, the country has experienced remarkable progress in economic growth, infrastructure development, and social advancement, including new schools, new hospitals, new roads and bridges and new opportunities for all Guyanese.

"We commend President Ali for his commitment to inclusive development, democratic governance, and strengthening Guyana's role on the regional and international stage," said Lilian Chatterjee, Chair of the Canada-Guyana Chamber of Commerce. "We look forward to continued collaboration and to strengthen trade and investment opportunities between Canada and Guyana."

President Ali's renewed mandate provides an opportunity to further build on Guyana's achievements and to advance initiatives that foster national unity, equitable growth, and improved quality of life for all citizens.

The Canada-Guyana Chamber of Commerce wishes President Ali and the Government of Guyana every success in the next term and stands ready to work together to deepen partnerships and promote shared prosperity.

AI IN BUSINESS

Guyana's digital transformation is no longer a distant ambition—it's unfolding in real time, powered by bold thinkers and intelligent technologies. In this edition of the Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce newsletter, we spotlight three visionary leaders who are shaping the future of artificial intelligence (AI) across borders and sectors.

From fintech innovation with Brian Yong in Georgetown, to healthcare transformation with Dr. Surendra Persaud at Caribbean Surgery Inc. (CSI), and industrial AI leadership from Tony Harris in Toronto, these conversations reveal how Agentic AI is being applied with purpose, creativity, and care. Their insights offer a window into how intelligent systems are streamlining operations, enhancing decision-making, and unlocking new opportunities for inclusive growth.

This cross-border dialogue reflects the dynamic synergy between Canada and Guyana—where knowledge flows both ways, and collaboration fuels progress. Together, these voices show us that AI is not just about algorithms—it's about people, vision, and the courage to re-imagine what's possible.

We invite you to explore these conversations, share your perspectives, and join us in shaping a future where Canadian-Guyanese collaboration and Agentic AI go hand-in-hand to build a smarter, more inclusive tomorrow.



AI in Business

Opportunities and Challenges



CGCC AI CAFE EPISODE 1

Brian Yong - CEO of Be! Payments



Be!



With over 25 years of experience in technology and electronic funds transfer (EFT), Brian Yong is at the forefront of fintech innovation in the Caribbean. As CEO of Be! Payment, he is transforming how people access and manage money—driving tech adoption to expand financial services, particularly in mobile and digital payment solutions.

Be!'s mission is to foster financial wellness through modern, affordable, and user-friendly digital tools.



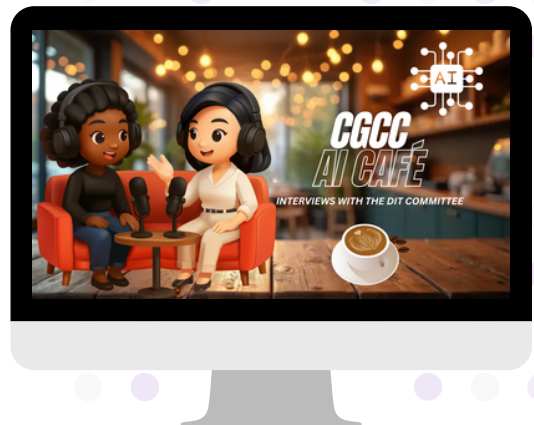
AiFA
LABS

Brian also plays a key role at AiFA Labs, an AI-focused organization. Since 2021, Be! and AiFA Labs have been showcasing cutting-edge AI technologies in Guyana, revolutionizing mobile platforms to deliver smarter, customer-centric solutions.

“

... we use AI to simplify processes, track mistakes, and look for patterns in over 20,000 transactions a day for Know Your Customer (KYC), Anti-Financial Crime (AFC), and to make applications easier ...

”



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CGCC AI CAFE EPISODE 2

Dr. Surendra Persaud - Director, Caribbean Surgery Inc.



Dr. Surendra Persaud is a leading figure in Guyana's healthcare transformation. With surgical training from the University of Pennsylvania and a deep commitment to patient-centered care, he has helped shape Caribbean Surgery Inc. (CSI) into a modern, innovative medical institution.

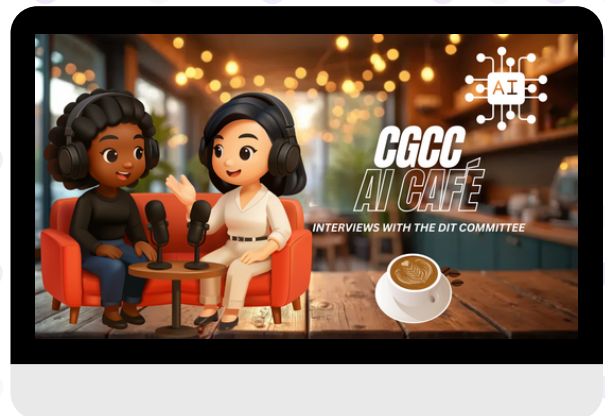
His work not only enhances clinical outcomes but also inspires a new generation of medical professionals across the region.

Through his leadership, CSI continues to redefine healthcare delivery in Guyana—bridging global expertise with local impact.

“

... AI will be most helpful in the democratization of education, agriculture and healthcare ...

”



CGCC AI CAFE EPISODE 3

Tony Harris - President & CEO of e-Magic



Tony Harris is a visionary technologist whose work in the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) and Digital Twin technologies is reshaping industries from energy to infrastructure.

Originally from Guyana and now based in Toronto, he brings over two decades of experience building intelligent systems that drive smarter, more sustainable operations.

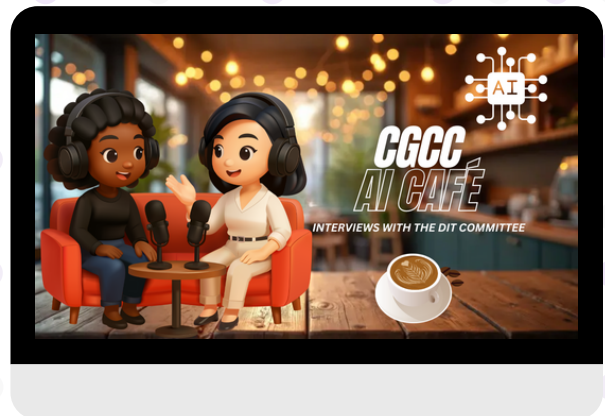
His recent joint venture with West Coast Gas Guyana marks a bold step toward transparency and

local empowerment in Guyana's oil and gas sector.

Tony's passion for innovation is matched by his commitment to uplifting others—creating pathways for the future of work and digital transformation.



“ ... we take all that data and run AI on it continuously in real time, and use historical and current (data) to do things like predictive maintenance to reduce the cost of energy ... ”



AI IN GUYANA: A NEW FRONTIER OF INNOVATION & GROWTH

As AI continues to reshape industries globally, Guyana is rapidly embracing this transformative technology—unlocking new opportunities for innovation and economic advancement. The growing adoption of AI is positioning Guyana for a more competitive, efficient, and inclusive future, as businesses across sectors recognize its potential to enhance operations, elevate customer experiences, and drive sustainable growth.

Already, AI is making its mark in key industries:

- Agriculture is leveraging AI for precision farming, helping farmers optimize yields and reduce waste.
- Mining operations are streamlining workflows, improving safety, and enhancing resource management.
- Healthcare is adopting AI to support diagnostics, patient care, and administrative efficiency.
- Finance is using AI to strengthen cybersecurity, automate services, and refine risk strategies.
- Even government and public services are exploring AI to improve data analysis, decision-making, and service delivery.

As AI evolves, its potential to transform every sector in Guyana grows—creating new pathways for innovation, growth, and international collaboration. In this edition of the Canada Guyana Chamber of Commerce newsletter, we explore how AI is reshaping Guyana's industries and how Canadian businesses can play a vital role in this exciting transformation.



AGENTIC AI IN GUYANA: EMPOWERING INTELLIGENCE WITH PURPOSE

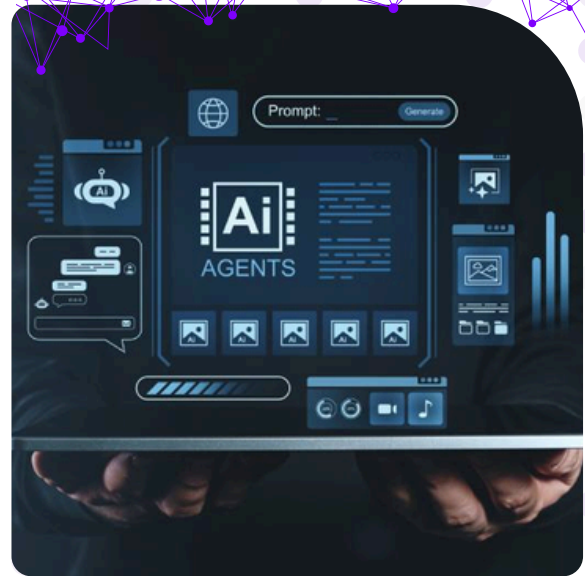
Agentic AI represents the next leap in intelligent systems—autonomous agents that can create, coach, curate, and optimize without constant human input. Unlike traditional AI tools that react to commands, these agents proactively identify needs, adapt in real time, and orchestrate complex workflows.

By 2025, enterprises will use AI orchestration to coordinate multiple agents and machine learning models, each contributing specialized expertise to complete tasks. For learning and development professionals, this shift means scalable, personalized learning delivered with consistency and impact.

As Guyana accelerates its digital transformation, Agentic AI is emerging as a powerful tool for sectors that demand adaptability and autonomy—such as energy, healthcare, agriculture, and finance.

Why Agentic AI Matters for Guyana

Guyana's rapid economic growth, fueled by its oil and gas boom and strategic infrastructure investments, creates fertile ground for Agentic AI deployment. Initiatives like the Gas-to-Energy (GtE) Project and the Berbice AI Data Center are laying the foundation for intelligent systems that operate independently and responsibly.



AGENTIC AI IN GUYANA: EMPOWERING INTELLIGENCE WITH PURPOSE CONT'D



- **Healthcare Modernization:** A proposal to the President outlines a bold strategy for modernizing care. Agentic AI could support diagnostics, patient monitoring, and resource allocation—flagging anomalies and optimizing surgical schedules in real time.



- **Agriculture & Sustainability:** BeAiFA Labs is already using AI for soil analysis and pest detection. Agentic AI could autonomously manage irrigation, deploy drones for surveillance, and negotiate resource use across cooperatives.



- **Finance & Energy:** The Bank of Guyana and fintech startups are exploring predictive analytics and fraud detection. Agentic AI could enhance these systems by learning from transaction patterns and autonomously flagging risks. In oil and gas, companies like ExxonMobil Guyana are using autonomous drilling—Agentic AI could evolve these into adaptive platforms that respond to geological data in real time.

What's Next?

Agentic AI isn't just a technological upgrade—it's a philosophical shift. It requires thoughtful design, ethical data practices, and a deep understanding of local context. As Guyana builds its AI infrastructure and nurtures talent through initiatives like STEMGuyana, the opportunity to lead in Agentic AI is within reach.

The next chapter of AI in Guyana won't be written by algorithms alone—it will be shaped by the visionaries, innovators, and communities who dare to imagine intelligent systems that act not just smartly, but wisely.

SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

From precision farming to predictive healthcare, and from fintech innovation to intelligent infrastructure, Guyana is rapidly emerging as a hub for purposeful AI adoption. The rise of Agentic AI marks a turning point—not just in how technology is used, but in how it thinks, adapts, and acts with intent.

The voices featured in this edition—Brian Yong, Dr. Surendra Persaud, and Tony Harris—bring this transformation to life. Their work across sectors and borders reflects the power of collaboration between Canada and Guyana, and the potential of AI to uplift communities, streamline operations, and inspire the next generation of innovators.



As Guyana continues to build its digital future, the opportunity to lead in Agentic AI is not only within reach—it's already taking shape. But this future won't be built by algorithms alone. It will be shaped by visionaries, partnerships, and a shared commitment to intelligent innovation that serves people first.

We invite you to explore these stories, share your perspectives, and join us in shaping a smarter, more inclusive tomorrow.

Empowering progress through partnership, purpose, and intelligent innovation.

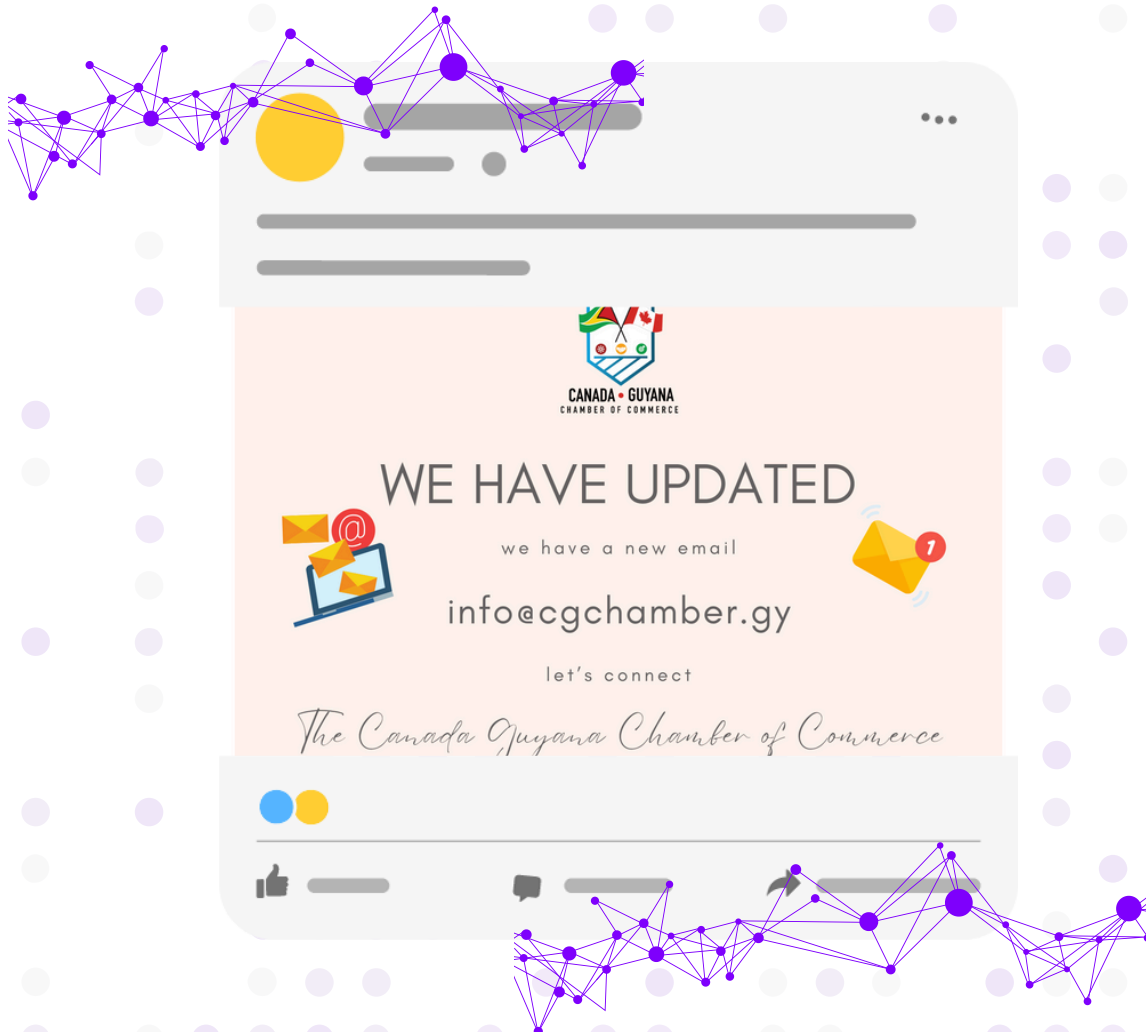
CGCC LAUNCHES NEW EMAIL

The Canada-Guyana Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) is committed to maintaining seamless communication with all our members, partners, and stakeholders.

We wish to advise that our official email address has been updated. Please note that our current email (info@cgcc.gy) will no longer be active after December 31, 2025.

To ensure uninterrupted communication, we kindly ask that you update your records accordingly. Our new email address is info@cgchamber.gy, and we encourage you to use it for all future correspondence.

We thank you for your cooperation and continued partnership as we work to enhance communication and service to our members.



MAPLE LEAF GALA & DINNER 2025

Save the Date



The Maple Leaf Gala & Dinner

Thursday, | Marriott Hotel,
October 16th 2025 | Guyana

G\$30,000 / C\$195

Cocktail: 6:30 pm, Dinner: 8:00 pm

Dress Code: Elegant

The Canada-Guyana Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Annual Maple Leaf Gala & Dinner will be held on **Thursday, October 16, 2025**, at the **Marriott Hotel, Guyana**.

As one of the Chamber's most prestigious events, the Maple Leaf Gala & Dinner brings together leaders from the business community, government, and civil society to celebrate the enduring partnership between Canada and Guyana.

The evening will feature distinguished guests, fine dining, cultural entertainment, and opportunities for meaningful networking.

Members and stakeholders are kindly asked to mark their calendars for this signature, elegant event, which promises to be both memorable and inspiring.

We look forward to your presence as we celebrate excellence, collaboration, and the vibrant ties between our two nations.

IBC CONFERENCE 2025



**International
Business Conference.**
Guyana - Suriname
14 - 16 October 2025



The International Business Conference (IBC) 2025, scheduled for the 14th - 16th October 2025 at the Guyana Marriott, is more than just an event—it is a bridge for collaboration and a catalyst for progress. IBC unites business leaders, policymakers, investors, and entrepreneurs to unlock opportunities across the Caribbean and South America's fastest-growing frontier economies.

IBC is our Official Presenting Sponsor for the Mpale Leaf Gala & Dinner 2025.

Key Highlights

- Panel Discussions – Insights from executives and thought leaders on investment, energy, technology, and sustainability.
- Networking – Opportunities to build connections and partnerships.
- Exhibitor Showcases – Present products, services, and innovations to a global audience.
- Workshops – Practical sessions for SMEs and startups on growth, financing, and trade.

Why Attend?

- Gain insights into emerging markets and investment opportunities.
- Connect with decision-makers, investors, and industry leaders.
- Explore innovative solutions driving the future of commerce.
- Strengthen your company's visibility and influence within the international business community.



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NEW MEMBER FEATURE

Air Dash is a global urban air mobility platform, offering helicopter and jet services to get you from point A to B, quickly and in style! They support tourism, corporate travel, and essential services by connecting remote regions with key hubs, enabling efficient transport for people and cargo while contributing to national development and sustainable connectivity.

Services include:

- **1. Domestic Luxury Air Charter:** Operates Airbus H125 choppers with a capacity for up to 4 passengers. Current Routes are Georgetown ↔ Cheddi Jagan International Airport (10-minute trips)
- **Premium Travel Experience:** Personalized service from landing gate to departure, VIP Lounge Access, Dash Pass which includes expedited immigration and customs processing.
- **Ground Transport Integration:** Partnered with YDrive Guyana and ANSA McAL to provide seamless, door-to-door transfers.



For more information, or to build a partnership, contact [Kassandra DeJesus](mailto:kassandra@airdash.gy) at kassandra@airdash.gy or Selena Ramnarine at sadeselena@gmail.com.



Fiona West is a final year nursing student attached to the Georgetown American University. Ms. West provides basic healthcare services inclusive of phlebotomy, first aid and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Ms. West has strong leadership and analytical skills whilst offering strategic guidance. Her training in ethics and professionalism makes her a well-rounded professional in healthcare and personal development. She has over fifteen (15) years of experience in the healthcare setting. Her key skills include:

1. Patient Care and Safety
2. Emergency Response
3. Phlebotomy
4. Patient Education
5. Health Promotion
6. Medical Documentation
7. Communication and Teamwork

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NEW MEMBER FEATURE

Demerara Bank Limited mission is to excel in providing innovative and superior banking services through well-trained, dedicated and courteous staff in the interest of our customers and shareholders and to fulfill our social responsibilities to society through meaningful involvement in community development. In addition to its financial services,

Demerara Bank is firmly committed to fulfilling its corporate social responsibilities. The bank actively supports various causes related to sports, education, health, safety, and community development. Services offered include:

1. Savings and Term Deposit Accounts
2. Residential and Commercial Loans
3. Foreign Exchange Services
4. Cambio Services
5. Visa Debit and Credit Cards
6. Internet Banking Services.



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Prabha International Inc., based in Brampton, Ontario, is a multifaceted company specializing in a diverse range of sectors. We are actively involved in manufacturing, distribution, and project execution, offering services such as architectural and interior

design consultancy, turnkey solutions, and custom manufacturing. Our operations span across various industries, including hospitality, corporate sectors, and residential housing.



Prabha International Inc. has established a global footprint with representatives and partnerships in key regions, including India, China, Canada, and the Caribbean islands.

For more information, or to build a partnership, contact Rajnesh Walia at rajneshwalia70@hotmail.com.

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4PAY INC founded in 2012, is a Canadian Fintech Technology corporation based in Toronto Canada, and has been privately held since 2012. 4PAY has operations globally supporting Enterprise, Telecom and SMB Financial Services industries: Canada, the United States, Caribbean, and Africa.

4PAY empowers businesses with the tools to serve billions of financially underserved people. They believe that low-cost Fintech Services that are rapidly deployable and easy-to-use and understandable benefit everyone.

The company's mission is to build financially sustainable products with positive social impact by creating scalable financial ecosystems in partnership with government, enterprises and communities.

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