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Editorial

We Need To Properly Pay Attention To Our History

When history making events happens elsewhere around the world whether good or bad, we talk about it and we are react to the events with much interest. We watch the news, we seek information, we replay videos and are even captivated by the documentaries which goes into details about such events.

But how many of us pay attention to our local history through seeking general knowledge and just by having or developing a thirst to know about our country and people through the chapters of history.

Let us take for instance, the 53rd anniversary of the MV Christena disaster was commemorated on Tuesday 1st August 2023. But on a public scale how have we as a people acknowledge the tragic happening. I am not talking about we the people from a government standpoint but we as a people in general.

There are generations of us who lost loved ones, colleagues, friends among other on that fateful day when a recorded 321 individuals lost their lives after the inter-island government operated ferry sank. Sure, oral stories have been told and a book (s) written, and memorials erected but it really does not feel like we are really paying

“Creatives It Is Your Time Now...” Says Top Ministry Official

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSTERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 31st July 2023)- “Creatives, it is your time now to take the torch that was lit by so many before you as they withstood social jeers and lived their lives misunderstood.”

Such disclosure was made by Permanent Secretary in the

Ministry of The Creative Economy and Entertainment and The Arts, Valencia Syder when during opening remarks made at the launch of the Department of the Creative Economy held on Friday 28th July 2023 at the Taxi Stand on Port Zante

She described the occasion as a “new day where the creatives are no longer relegated to the corners of society as time wasters and day

dreamers. A day when we can shake off the stigma perpetuated by society that colours creative as outcasts and underdogs.”

Syder continued: “Ironically, every genius idea brought to life on the planet started as a dream and in this moment where calling on all dreamers to dream longer, dream bigger, dream bolder as we go from being

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Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of The Creative Economy and Entertainment and The Arts Valencia Syder seen while making remarks

our respect to such a nationwide tragedy as we are supposed to, especially since it is said to have been the greatest disaster in the history of our federation.

Some of you may ask: Well what exactly are we supposed to do as a people? But first and foremost, it must be asked: What do you know about the disaster? What emotions do you have about this very important subject matter of our nation's history?

Next we can all go on to argue that these are the type historical facts that are not taught in our schools. Sure, a teacher might share the story about it but

it would make sense if this topic was part of school's history curriculum which would set a clear agenda towards ensuring that our people are exposed to information about such happenings.

Some of us definitely have to change our interest level towards history and culture of our land. That is the kind of patriotism that we should possess.

Specific to the MV Christena disaster, we must have a large scale observance which commands public attention in remembrance of that solemn day which saw only 91 survivors.



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Commemorative Service Chairperson On Christena Disaster: “We have risen from the depths of despair”

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 2nd August 2023) - “Although we cannot undo previous mistakes, this 53rd memorial service links our past to present. We have risen from the depths of despair. Over the years, we have implemented measures to strengthen our maritime laws to protect us and keep us safe and by the mercies of God, we have avoided another major disaster.”

Event Chairperson of the 53rd Commemorative Service for the MV Christena disaster Marjorie Brandy expressed such sentiments while addressing the audience on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at the Hamilton House grounds in Nevis.

She highlighted that Nevisian writer, Mr. Whitman T. Browne in his book ‘The Christena Disaster Revisted’, recaps the following: “On August 1st 1970, the inter-island ferry Christena suffered a crippling fate. A blanket of gloom fell upon the people of St.Kitts and Nevis shutting out the hot sun. When the shroud lifted, two entire societies laid dazed and listless groping in shock, fear and anger. A few even dangled dangerously on the brink of insanity. The Christena disaster was the largest and the most impactful maritime disaster in the history of the young nation of St.Kitts and Nevis. It affected thousands of lives and changed the course of many in this our beloved federation.”

Brandy shared that the disaster occurred on August 1st, a Saturday before August Monday when the entire nation was preparing to commemorate the abolition of slavery with its usual lavish celebrations.

“On this particular Saturday, due to the large crowd of persons at the pier, Captain Ponteen made the decision to leave the pier a few minutes early. As the Christena head off to St.Kitts, no

one on board imagine that that would be the final crossing. On that historic and fateful afternoon, there was a wide range of individuals taking just another routine trip on the overcrowded ferry built to carry 155 passengers but carrying over 300. Persons on board including government ministers, nurses, teachers, students, vendors, nuns, persons travelling to visit families and persons travelling for entertainment etc. Although the journey was a little rocky from the outset, initially passengers generally took everything in stride but as the journey continued complacency turned into discomfort and concern due to the frightening movement of the ferry. As the ferry moved closer to Nag’s Head and the Narrow’s Channel, it became impossible to negotiate and survive the ocean’s swells. About 1.5 kilometres from Nag’s Head, the inevitable occurred and the ocean engulfed the struggling vessel. We thank God for herculean efforts of the rescuers who made possible the survival of some 91 persons. However, over 233 persons lost their lives in this tragedy.”

she went on to say: “The impact on our small island nation was colossal and the loss of such a large number of persons in one disaster was not an easy ordeal to surmount and survive. Inspite of the disaster, the story of that fateful August afternoon is also one of survival for we are a strong, resilient and courageous and hopeful people. Although we cannot undo previous mistakes, this 53rd memorial service links our past to present. We have risen from the depths of despair. Over the years, we have implemented measures to strengthen our maritime laws to protect us and keep us safe and by the mercies of God, we have avoided another major disaster. As we take time today to remember those who lost their lives in this tragedy, we know that it would never be forgotten by those who survived and by those who lost their loved ones.”

“May the departed continue to rest in peace, and as a people, may we never lose sight of the fact that every event we face, be it positive or negative can be manipulated to bring out the tremendous potential which lies within all of us,” Brandy added.



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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)
A.D 2023

In the Estate of VIOLA HENRY, late of
Stapleton Village, St. Peter,
St. Christopher

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CAROLETTE CHRISTOPHER**, of Stapleton Village, St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis for a Grant of Probate of the above-named deceased who died on 25th day of October 2018 without revoking a will bearing the date 7th day of January 1999 wherein the Applicant is named Executrix.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2023.

FIRST PUBLICATION

Boy Drowns In Pool

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSTERRE, St.Kitts (Monday 31st July 2023)- An eight (8)-year-old boy from Willet’s Project, St. Pauls is dead following a recent drowning incident which took place in that community.

Police are investigating a that incident that occurred on Friday 28th July 2023, at Willet’s Great House in St. Paul’s on St. Kitts.

Reportedly, the boy was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Crime Scene Unit of the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) also processed the scene.

The RSCNPF expresses sincere condolences to the family and all who have been impacted by this tragedy.



TDC hosts Golden Gala: An Evening of Elegance, Glamour, and Celebration to Honour Staff

BASSETTERE, ST. KITTS, August 1, 2023 - Dedication, meritorious service, and outstanding achievements were celebrated at the elegant TDC Staff Awards Gala, held under its 50th anniversary theme, "Your Neighbour, Your Partner, Your Future" at the St. Kitts Marriot Resort, on Saturday 29 July 2023.

The impressive formal standalone activity was attended by over four hundred staff from across the company and saw the presentation of awards to one hundred and twenty-five (125) employees for five (5) to fifty (50) years of dedicated service.

In keeping with TDC's mandate to put employees first, staff also got an opportunity to nominate their peers for the Impact Awards, while the Employee of the Year Awards, named in honour of former and current employees, were nominated by Management. One hundred and nine (109) nominees were received for the Impact Awards and fifty-three (53) for the Employee of the Year Awards.

The winners of the Impact Award were as follows:

Rising Star, Nikeisha Howe, TDC Group Purchasing Department

Making A Difference in Our Community, Dominic Matthew, Client Relations and Marketing Department

Going Beyond the Call of Duty, Francisco Benjamin, TDC Airline Services Limited

Punctuality and Attendance Award, Octavia Caines, TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts)

The winners of the Employee of the Year Award were:

Jacques A Cramer - Employee of The Year

Winner - **Fernando 'T.C.' Greene**, TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts)

Runner Up - **Trecia Pemberton-Browne**, Human Resource Officer, Human Resources Department

D. Michael Morton Employee of The Year Award for Sales Excellence

Winner - **Ira Bertie**, Project and Field Officer, TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis)

Runner Up - **Janell Dias-Jones**, TDC Insurance Company Limited (St. Kitts)

Barbara Farrell Memorial Employee of the Year Award for Service Excellence

Winner - **Dominic Matthew, Marketing Assistant**, Client Relations and Marketing Department

Runner Up - **Natasha Bristol, Head Cashier**, TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis)



Mr. Earle Kelly, TDC Chairman/CEO presenting Mr. Fernando 'T.C.' Greene of the TDC Home and Building Depot (St. Kitts) with the Jacques A Cramer Employee of the Year Award at the TDC Staff Golden Gala

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT A.D. 2023 TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19		
CLAIM NO. SKBLRD2023/0046		
In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19, and in the matter of an Application by JUSTIN BART and CHENELLE BART for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 4500 square feet situate at Lot No. 172 Lower Hermitage Extension, Phase 4, to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book P3 Folio 447		
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JUSTIN BART and CHENELLE BART of Lower Hermitage Extension, Phase 4, in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title issued on 24th August, 2016 and registered in Book P3 Folio 447 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being Joint Tenants of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 172 situate at Lower Hermitage Extension Phase 4, in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 4500 square feet and which said lot piece or parcel of land is bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by Hermitage Estate, 50.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 171, 90.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by Rosemary Joseph Street, 50.00 feet; and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 173, 90.00 feet. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact Gonsalves Parry of Suite 26A, Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.		
Dated the 3rd day of August 2023		
 CHAUNTELLE HOBSON GONSALVES PARRY Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant		

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Three (3) employees, **Duan Belle (Enterprise Risk)**, **Atisha Byron (TDC Insurance Company Limited)** and **Wayne Woodley (TDC Financial Services Company Limited)** were rewarded for their contribution to the introduction of new initiatives in their respective departments that would increase productivity and efficiency.

Consistent with TDC's 50th Anniversary celebrations, former TDC Chairman and now Board Director, Mr. D. Michael Morton CBE, JP was recognized for his fifty (50) years of sterling stewardship.

The all-inclusive TDC event featured Warren C Tyson Memorial Alumni Scholars, Mr. Crios Freeman, Techelle McClean, the host and hostess, and Wesleyan Holiness Pastor Reverend Renicia Huggins, who delivered an inspiring keynote address, reminding staff of the importance of corporate and family values.

Everyone was in high spirits throughout the night where staff won giveaways and prizes, and participated in the cultural presentations from EBJ Harmonics, the Okolo Tegremantine Dance Theatre, and Sylvester's Masquerades, and musical entertainment by D J Wett Dutt and the New Horizons Band.

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hobbyists to professionals in what we do. Creatives, it is your time now to take the torch that was lit by so many before you as they withstood social jeers and lived their lives misunderstood. Take that torch and carry it along this road that we are now paving for those who are watching and waiting their turn. Light up this life with your creativity and your ingenuity as you show the world that we are more than our borders and our limited landmass for what we can do is as vast as the ocean.”

She pointed at the African proverb which says “If you want to go fast, go alone but if you want to go far, go together.”

“Let us take these words to heart with the understanding that in this new iteration, each of us has the responsibility to encourage, support, cheer, applaud, appreciate and uphold each other because each sector intertwined makes for a much stronger hold,” she encouraged.

Dance Specialist at the Department of Creative Economy Marcia Jeffers- in speaking on behalf of Director of the Creative Economy Roberitine Webbe-on what has been happening in the department of the creative economy, touched on ongoing action.

“Creativity is about movement, and the department of the Creative Economy since inception has not stopped moving. We understand that the Creative Economy cannot exist within a vacuum where practitioners are often spoken at and not listened to, and for that reason we mobilized Creatives Connect in March to April this year. In a total of fifteen forums that covered both St.Kitts and Nevis, we reached over 200 creatives. Our officers conducted Think Tanks, one and one consultations as well as open floor settings where creative from each sector were give space to express their thoughts, ideas, concerns and frustrations which in turn gave us the priority areas where to focused our attention.

It was further highlighted that: “For the creative economy to thrive, it must have the full weight of various government ministries behind it. That is why we engaged many ministries and departments as we could within the time we had.”

As understood, private entity partnerships has also been achieved with details

Boys Threw Bottles At Cars Along Highway

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Tuesday 1st August 2023) - Credible information reaching this media house indicates that the three male juveniles who were recently caught by police for malicious damage carried out along the F.T. Williams Highway threw glass bottles at moving cars.

According to sources, drivers who were victims of the situation reported the matter to the police which saw them going to the Basseterre Police Headquarters to provide details about the incident.

On Thursday 27th July police informed that they successfully identified, with the general public's assistance, the three (3) persons responsible for multiple incidences of Malicious Damage to passing vehicles on the F. T. Williams Highway on St. Kitts.

Reportedly, the three (3) males, all juveniles, were brought to the Basseterre

Police Station by their respective guardians on July 26th and July 27th, 2023 respectively.

Police say they were each apprehended and interviewed in the presence of their guardians. Following said interviews, each male was released into the custody of his guardian.

Their cases will be heard at a later date by the Child Justice Board.

Police have also extended deepest gratitude to the general public for the assistance that aided in this matter's timely resolution.

Police informed the public that they were seeking the public's assistance in identifying the three individuals seen in the footage provided.

The boys are suspected of committing multiple instances of malicious damage along the F.T. Williams Highway between July 10, 2023 and July 21, 2023.

to be publicized at some point. - **Front Page Image- Dance Specialist in the Creative Economy Marcia Jeffers (left) seen performing with the Valen's Maquerade at the launch of the Department of Creative Economy held on Friday 28th July 2023 at Port Zante (Photo:Facebook/DepartmentofCreativeEconomy)**

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT A. D. 2023

THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19



Claim No.: SKBLRD2023/0045

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by
Registration Act Cap 10.19 of the Laws of the
Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

And

In the Matter of a Certificate of Title issued on the
27th day of July 2010 in the name of **FELIKS
DLIN**, recorded in **Condominium Register Book
23 Folio 13** of the Register of Titles for the Saint
Christopher Circuit.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **FELIX DLIN** also known as **FELIKS DLIN** formerly of 32 Suvorovsky Prospect, Apt. 10, St. Petersburg, 191015 Russia but presently residing at J4 Silver Reef Condominiums, Frigate Bay St. Kitts, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the one recorded in Condominium Register at **Book 23 Folio 13** of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit and described in the said Title being **ALL THAT** Condominium Unit J4 of Silver Reef Development situate at Frigate Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) being part of the land described in Certificate of Title registered in Book 13 Folio 459 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of Fort Tyson Limited registered as Number 23 in the Condominium Corporation Index on the 23rd day of December, 2009 together with an undivided interest in the common area appurtenant thereto subject to the provisions of said Declaration and Description and to the Condominium Act 1976;

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or have any information which may lead to its recovery, is kindly requested to contact the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, C&C Building, Wigley Street, Basseterre, Saint Christopher, Telephone No.: (869) 467-1605 or **BLAKEFERGUSON**, Attorneys-At-Law and Notary Public, of Suite 3, St. Kitts Marriott Resort, 858 Frigate Bay Road, Frigate Bay St. Kitts. Telephone No.: (869) 465-2913, Mobile: (869) 661-2912 Email: contact@bflaw.co.

Dated the 3rd day of August 2023.

Keinya Blake Gordon
BLAKEFERGUSON
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2023

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IN THE MATTER OF A CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE dated 24th September 1987 and
registered in Book M2 Folio 191 of the Register
of Titles in the Island of Saint Christopher
Circuit.

-and-

In the Matter of the Application for the Issue of
A New Certificate of Title to replace the above
mentioned one, which is lost.

-and-

In the Matter of an Application by **SIMEON
ELLIOTT**

NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE is hereby given of the Lost Certificate of Title dated 24th September 1987 and registered in Book M2 Folio 191 of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit which title was issued in the name of **SIMEON ELLIOTT** and **LUIS ELLIOTT** Registered Proprietors.

Any person having information relating to the whereabouts of the said Certificate of Title is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit or the Law Office of **CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON** at West Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated day of August 2023

CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON
Attorney-at-Law

St. Kitts Netball Team To Celebrate Glorious Milestone Anniversaries

BASSETERRE (31st July, 2023): Plans have officially rolled out to commemorate the momentous 50th anniversary of the St. Kitts Netball Team's triumphant victory in the Caribbean Netball Championships of 1973. Additionally, the celebrations will extend to honor the 45th anniversary of the team's remarkable win in the Caribbean Netball Championships of 1978.

Under the theme "Acknowledge, Aspire, Act" the Organizing Committee has meticulously planned a week of engaging activities to celebrate this glorious journey. From August 13 to 19, 2023, the line-up includes a Church Service, Community Outreach, Fun Day, Nostalgic Walk, Launch of the Primary Schools Netball Championships, and a Gala.

Kamilah Lawrence, PRO of the Organizing Committee, shared her excitement: "The 50th and 45th anniversaries of our netball team's victories are a testament to the indomitable spirit and dedication of our netball team. We are thrilled to honor their legacy with a week filled with joy, celebration and a deep sense of pride in our netball heritage. Now, it's time to honor the legacy of these phenomenal netball teams at this significant milestone and inspire future generations to dream of achieving such unforgettable moments."

In 1973, St. Kitts etched its name in history, claiming the Caribbean netball title for the very first time. The 1978 triumph added another shining jewel to the crown of our netball legacy.

It was also announced that members of the netball teams residing overseas are expected to be on the island to be a part of the festivities, adding even more excitement and significance to the celebrations.

For more information, please contact Kamilah Lawrence, PRO at 869663500 or visit the Committee's facebook page: St. Kitts - Caribbean Netball Legends





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**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Friday 15th September, 2023**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



Premier Brantley, NIA welcome 2023 Taiwan SKN Expo to Nevis



Ribbon cutting to declare open the 2023 Taiwan Expo St. Kitts and Nevis at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park in Nevis on August 02, 2023 (l-r) Hon. Spencer Brand; His Excellency Michael Lin, Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to St. Kitts and Nevis; Hon. Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis; Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd, Deputy Governor General for Nevis; Hon. Eric Evelyn Deputy Premier; and Hon. Jahnel Nisbett

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 02, 2023)- The Honourable Premier Mark Brantley has welcomed the opportunity for bilateral engagement with the hosting of the 2023 Taiwan Expo St. Kitts and Nevis that commenced at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park in Nevis on Wednesday, August 02.

“This park was financed through Taiwan and Taiwan has now come to stage a trade show at this park and to bring our people together where they will be exposed to Taiwanese food and culture, movies and a night market. So, Ambassador [H.E. Michael Lin] thank you for bringing this to Nevis and for bringing it at this time when we’re celebrating Culturama. I invite all of us to come out and enjoy all that is on display here. I anticipate it’s going to be a very exciting few days right here at the Malcolm Guishard Park,” Premier Brantley said at the opening ceremony for the Expo.

With products and services from twenty-six Taiwanese companies along with local entrepreneurs and small businesses on display, the Hon. Brantley, Minister of Industry and Trade, and Foreign Investment in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), pointed out the opportunity for engagement with regard business-to-business relations.

“We have had excellent diplomatic relations, excellent government-to-government engagements, but the one thing that I have complained about over the years is our business-to-business engagement. We do a lot of trade with a lot of countries and yes, it is true that Taiwan is far away geographically but it is my suggestion that we could do far more with Taiwan than we currently do.

“I’m very happy to see the titans of business from St. Kitts and Nevis present. I am hopeful that they will be looking at creative ways and see opportunities to engage with Taiwan. I want to see investors from Taiwan coming to St. Kitts and Nevis. I want to see hotels being built and other opportunities. That is what I think we can do now to strengthen and deepen this relationship between our two countries even more; developing that trading relationship, developing those business-to-business ties and I think that this provides a perfect opportunity to engage.”

He encouraged local small business owners participating in the Expo to position themselves to take full advantage of opportunities such as this to advance themselves and their businesses, to not only buy from Taiwan but to get the Taiwanese to buy from them.

His Excellency Michael Lin, Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to St. Kitts and Nevis said the Expo fostered greater business to business cooperation between the two countries who have been diplomatic allies for 40 years.

He disclosed that on display are a wide variety of products including cosmetics, tools, solar products, processed foods, smartphones, laptops, VR devices, dashcams, health supplements and household utensils.

“Today we come together to honour this remarkable milestone

that symbolizes the enduring friendship and cooperation between our two countries. This year’s Taiwan Expo is also special because of its cooperation and synergy with Nevis Culturama 49 events.

“This week this enchanting Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park will serve as a focal point for this extraordinary occasion where cultures intertwine and partnerships flourish. We extend a warm invitation to all business people present to explore the vast trade opportunities presented at the Taiwan Expo. With twenty-six suppliers showcasing their topnotch products and catalogues from various sectors, this event serves as a perfect platform for forging new business connections.

Present at the ceremony were Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd, Deputy Governor General for Nevis and Mr. Liburd, members of the NIA Cabinet, the President and Directors of the St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce, students, and persons from the local business community.

The 2023 Taiwan Expo on Nevis runs from Wednesday, August 02 to Saturday, August 05 and will also feature games and activities for the entire family. On Thursday the hours are 12pm until 8pm, and on Friday and Saturday the hours are 10am to 8pm.



Premier of Nevis Hon. Mark Brantley (l) engages His Excellency Michael Lin, Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to St. Kitts and Nevis (r) at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park in Nevis on August 02, 2023



His Excellency Michael Lin, Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to St. Kitts and Nevis (r) describes products on display to Premier of Nevis Hon. Mark Brantley and others at the 2023 Taiwan Expo St. Kitts and Nevis at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park in Nevis on August 02, 2023



Dignitaries and patrons observe Taiwanese product demonstration at the 2023 Taiwan Expo St. Kitts and Nevis at the Malcolm Guishard Recreational Park in Nevis on August 02, 2023

The 53rd Anniversary of the M.V. Christena tragedy commemorated on Nevis

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 01, 2023)- Government officials and parliamentarians on Nevis joined relatives and friends of the victims of the M.V. Christena disaster to pay their respects during a solemn memorial service held on the Hamilton House grounds on Tuesday, August 01.

The service commemorated the 53rd anniversary of the sinking of the inter-island ferry on August 01, 1970, when more than 200 nationals were lost, the majority of whom were Nevisians.

Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd, Deputy Governor General for Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, and Hon. Michelle Slack Clarke, President of the Nevis Island Assembly, were among those who laid wreaths at the base of the M.V. Christena Memorial, located on the Charlestown waterfront.

During the service, chaired by Mrs. Marjorie Brandy, the names of 233 victims were read aloud and three survivors were acknowledged and bestowed memorial flower pins. Pastor Arthur Freeman delivered the invocation, while Reverend Cecele Brown rendered the sermonette. The Worship Team of the Bath New Testament Church of God and the Nevis Christian Council led the hymns and a special rendition.

Following the service the Honourable Premier posted a tribute on social media:

“Today we remember the 233 souls who perished in the Christena Disaster on August 01, 1970, some 53 years ago. We remember their families and loved ones who were left to mourn. We remember the survivors who carry the scars of that tragedy to this day. We thank God for comforting those who still mourn and for strengthening us as a Nation and a people.”

At his monthly press conference on Monday, July 31, the Premier also spoke to the impact the disaster had on Nevisians, many of whom lost several family members onboard the fateful vessel that August weekend.

“That was the largest single tragedy that befell us in modern times here in St. Kitts and Nevis. Hundreds of persons perished. A lot of families were traumatized.



Memorial service to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the M.V. Christena Disaster held on the Hamilton House grounds, Hunkins Drive on August 01, 2023

A lot of families lost parents; many families lost multiple members of their families. It was a holiday and the boat, we're told, was overcrowded as they were coming from St. Kitts to Nevis... We lost a significant number of people that day.

“I believe that while some has been said about Christena, the whole story has yet to be told in terms of the social trauma that it created. Imagine one day you woke up and mommy, daddy, uncle and aunt, all of them perished. Some families were torn asunder because children were left to be sent to various family members to be raised. One child one place, one child another place etcetera.”

He made the point that as a result of that boating tragedy, the



Attending the August 01, 2023 memorial service was Ms. Lavonne Parris who lost her mother and other relatives in the M.V. Christena disaster

Federation has implemented a number of maritime regulations intended to safeguard the public as they travel between the islands via the sea.



Premier of Nevis, Honourable Mark Brantley lays a wreath at the M.V. Christena Disaster Memorial Service



Survivors of the M.V. Christena tragedy Mr. Laughton Sargeant (back) and Mr. Ivor Brookes lay wreaths at the memorial during the August 01, 2023 commemorative service



Wreaths laid at the M.V. Christena Disaster Memorial on Hunkins Drive, Charlestown during a service on August 01, 2023 to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the maritime tragedy

TDC Home and Building Depots and Structural Systems Limited Host Building Better Seminar

Basseterre, St. Kitts - Contractors, architects, engineers, and property managers for across St. Kitts participated in “Building Better and Stronger Structures Seminar, jointly organized by the TDC Home and Building Depots in partnership with the Barbados based, Structural Systems Limited.

The two-hour session that also included staff from the retail store, was facilitated by a three-member team



that comprised **Mr. Nick Branson, Sales, and Estimating Manager/Director, Rakina King,**



Attendees listening to Mr. Nick Branson, Sales and Estimating Manager/Director at the Barbados based Structural Systems Limited

Official welcome for Global Support and Development M.V. DAWN during inaugural visit to Nevis

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (July 31, 2023)- The Honourable Spencer Brand, Minister in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) responsible for Disaster Management, on Monday, July 31, welcomed the Global Support and Development (GSD) M.V. DAWN humanitarian vessel to Nevis for its inaugural visit.

The M.V. DAWN, which arrived in Nevis on Sunday, is specifically configured to provide humanitarian and disaster support and capacity building training to GSD partners.

During the welcome ceremony held at the Nevis Disaster Management Department's (NDMD) Emergency



Members of the Nevis Island Administration, Nevis Disaster Management Department and other allied disaster management agencies welcome the Global Support and Development team from the humanitarian vessel M.V. DAWN on its inaugural visit to Nevis on July 31, 2023

Operations Centre at the Long Point Facility, Hon. Brand said the government and people of Nevis are extremely grateful for the partnership with Global Support and Development as it gives the island another platform to mitigate against disaster.

The highly interactive presentations focused primarily on Building with a Caribbean and Climate Smart Mindset from the Ground Up, 21st Technology Construction, and Building Structures that Last A Lifetime.

Participants used the open forum to share their own professional experiences with the experts and sought advice on building design, construction costs, the impact of technology on construction, and hurricane resilient structures.

The seminar forms part of the company's Eduseries Programme, which is a series of product development and training workshops specifically designed to enhance customer experiences.

“Today is an important day for Nevis because today we are signaling the seriousness that the Nevis Island Administration exhibited to partner with Global Support and Development to mitigate against disaster here on the island. The exercises that we are hoping to see over the next few days- the mapping exercise, the training, the testing of our various systems- ensure that the cohesiveness between Global Support and Development and our various stakeholders here on Nevis can work seamlessly to protect and mitigate for the people of Nevis.

“So the people of Nevis are indeed thankful for this partnership and we certainly look forward to working with



Hon. Spencer Brand, Minister in the Nevis Island Administration responsible for Disaster Management



Mr. Brian Dyer, Director of the Nevis Disaster Management Department

you in every way possible not only to mitigate against disasters, but also to have the transfer of knowledge to our people and so we certainly want to thank you. You can rest assured that the Nevis Island Administration Cabinet is behind this initiative 100 percent and we are prepared to support this initiative not only to the benefit of this humanitarian exercise but for the people of Nevis.”

Mr. Brian Dyer, NDMD Director, also lauded the partnership with GSD for the non-profit organization's benevolence in providing critical training and other support to “enhance disaster response capabilities and

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Official welcome for Global Support and Development M.V. DAWN during inaugural visit to Nevis

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disaster resilience in communities here in St. Kitts and Nevis."

He said several areas had been earmarked for collaboration including active discussions with the Ministry of Health with regard addressing mental health and psycho-social support services on Nevis, and also general and specialized healthcare at the Alexandra Hospital.

Mr. Dyer said the improvements in baseline data collection and analysis of pre/post impact assessments would greatly assist the local disaster and allied agencies. The GSD team is conducting a bathymetric survey along certain areas on Nevis' coastline, providing critical seabed mapping information on all of the island's ports.

"This information is not only useful for our Physical Planning Department but also it ensures efficiency at our ports and us at Disaster Management to ensure that we can now refresh our Tsunami maps. It's also important for our mariners who utilize our ports."

Ms. Kate Dichino, Director of Partnerships for GSD, thanked the officials for the warm welcome and for the opportunity to help strengthen Nevis' capacity to respond to disasters and better prepare for future occurrences.

"On behalf of Global Support and Development I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and the Nevis Island Administration for extending the invitation to GSD to mark this moment as we continue our collaborative journey in support of disaster preparedness, response and resilience.

"Communities in the Caribbean know better than most the relationship with the maritime environment and the many challenges posed by climate change. GSD believes that the maritime connection provides a unique humanitarian support opportunity for island nations and DAWN is the manifestation of that belief."

The ceremony saw in attendance Ms. Hyleeta Liburd, Deputy Governor General for Nevis, Members of the NIA Cabinet, and also representatives from the NDMD, Physical Planning Department, Ministry of Health, Nevis Water Department, Nevis Air and Sea Ports Authority (NASPA), Police Force, Fire and Rescue, SKN Red Cross, and other allied partners in disaster management.

The ceremony was followed by a tour of the M.V. DAWN, which is docked at Long Point Pier. A group of young persons and Health stakeholders were also given the opportunity to tour the vessel on Monday.



Ms. Kate Dichino, Director of Partnerships for Global Support and Development

On Tuesday, August 01, the GSD team will test the island's disaster communications systems, conduct an onboard desalination and ship-to-shore transfer of water exercise, and continue the ongoing underwater survey. The M.V. DAWN will then transit back to St. Kitts as it concludes its visit to the Federation.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to provide RFP on the following Projects:

- 1. QUANTITY SURVEYING/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION & UPGRADE WORKS TO THE LEE L. MOORE JUDICIAL SERVICES COMPLEX AT EAST INDEPENDENCE SQUARE STREET, BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS.**
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Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 24th July, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$1,500.00 each.

Completed bid shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Friday 08th September, 2023**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be from a CARICOM country.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



Mrs. Jasemin Warner-Weekes pens National Caribbean Insurance 50th Anniversary slogan



BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, July 31, 2023 (MMS-SKN) — The National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited (NCI), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, recently awarded Mrs. Jasemin Warner Weekes who was named the winner of NCI's 50th Anniversary Slogan Contest.

In a message to staff of the NCI, Senior Marketing and Public Relations Officer (Sales and Marketing Division), Mrs Sudeakka Samuel, earlier this month advised that Mrs Jasemin Warner Weekes was the winner of NCI's 50th Anniversary Slogan Contest, winning herself \$500.00.

"Mrs Warner-Weekes defeated her competitors with the winning slogan, 'At 50, We Stand Tall. NCI Cares For All'," announced Mrs Samuel. "The Board of Directors, Management and Staff extend hearty congratulations to Mrs Warner-Weekes. Cheers to 50 NCI!!"

Mrs Jasemin Warner-Weekes is a well-known poet, dramatist, and a lover of the art form. In August 2021 she was also named slogan winner for the Sugar Mas 50 - 'Sugar Mas 50! Fun, Vibe, Energy!'

In another message to the NCI staff, Senior Manager, Human Resource Department, Ms Sandra Swanston, observed that with the slogan, 'At 50, We Stand Tall. NCI Cares For All', it was a time of celebration, describing it as a significant milestone in the life of National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited.

"This is no ordinary accomplishment and could not be achieved without the contribution of past and present employees, Board and Customers," noted Ms Swanston. "This is a trophy moment, a proud moment, a grand occasion!"

Presenting the cheque to Mrs Jasemin Warner-Weekes, was the company's Senior Manager, Sales and Marketing, Mr Floyd Charles, who congratulated her for her participation in the competition, and the winning creation. He extended to her, hearty congratulations from the Board of Directors, Management and Staff.

National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited (NCI) was incorporated in 1973, and it is a member of National Bank Group of

The winning National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited's slogan.

Companies. The aim was to establish a locally owned company to provide reliable insurance protection for ordinary citizens. NCI, which is headquartered in Basseterre,



Senior Manager, Sales and Marketing, Mr Floyd Charles, presents the winner's cheque to Mrs Jasemin Warner-Weekes who had submitted the winning slogan, 'At 50, We Stand Tall. NCI Cares For All'.

St. Kitts, has branches in Nevis and Anguilla and is regulated by the Financial Services Unit, Ministry of Finance, and the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to Bid on the following Project:

Repairs to Kim Collins Stadium Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 24th July, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.

Completed tender shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

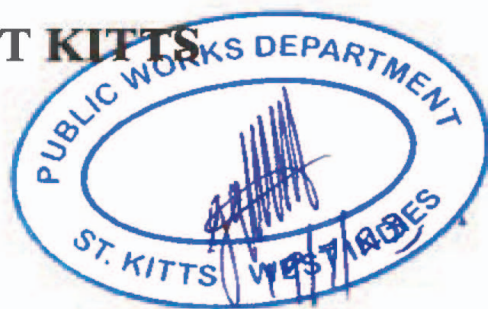
**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Monday 4th September 2023.**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS



Ministry of Health Expresses Gratitude to Canadian Team Assisting with Dialysis Training

Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, July 31, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMO)- The Ministry of Health warmly welcomed a distinguished team from Canada to the Joseph N. France General Hospital today, Monday 31st July 2023.

The Team is led by Mr. Charles Estridge, a Biomedical Technologist and a proud national residing in Canada, who played a pivotal role in procuring fifteen (15) much-needed dialysis machines for the country back in May of this year.

The esteemed Canadian team consists of two registered nurses (RNs), Yee Young Sang and Carmela Nelson, along with Biomedical Technologist Jason Maher. Their presence and expertise are crucial in enhancing the capabilities of healthcare professionals and ensuring optimal care for patients in need of dialysis treatment. They will provide vital training for the staff of the Haemodialysis Unit at the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital.



Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis and Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew

During a brief yet heartfelt welcoming ceremony, Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, expressed profound gratitude on behalf of the Government and the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis to Mr. Charles Estridge and his team. Their selfless dedication and invaluable service to the Federation are deeply appreciated, as they exemplify the spirit of international cooperation and goodwill.

“We are seeking to implement policies to extend help to our people. We are taking care of our side of the responsibility to make sure we offer good quality healthcare. We also recognize that the dialysis unit would have had some challenges in terms of equipment, especially the bloodline machines, so I want to thank Mr. Estridge for recognizing the need and reaching out. Even though he is living in Canada his heart is still in Saint Kitts and Nevis. What you have offered here will



RN Carmela Nelson demonstrating the functions of the new dialysis machines to the nurses at the Haemodialysis Unit at the Joseph N. France (JNF) General Hospital

save many lives and I cannot thank you enough”, said Prime Minister Drew.

Dialysis is a life-saving treatment for individuals whose kidneys have ceased to function adequately. In cases of kidney failure, the natural filtration process becomes compromised, and haemodialysis becomes essential to maintain the delicate balance of the body’s internal environment. Through haemodialysis, the blood is gently removed from the body and passed through a dialyzer, an artificial kidney-like device, which efficiently purifies the blood before returning it to the patient’s circulation.

The acquisition of these dialysis machines is a significant milestone and represents the realization of a promise made by the Prime Minister and Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, to improve healthcare services and provide accessible treatment options to those in need.



(In the Front) Mr. Charles Estridge, Biomedical Technologist and Head of the volunteer medical team from Canada (In the Back L-R) RN Yee Young Sang, RN Carmela Nelson, and Biomedical Technologist, Jason Maher

Mr. Estridge expressed his willingness to give back to his country of birth and explained why he chose to assist in the acquisition and donation of dialysis machines.

“I feel very honoured for the opportunity to give back to my country Saint Kitts and Nevis. I have worked in this field for over 20 years and to be frank, a young cousin of mine died of renal failure many years ago and later on, another friend of mine died from kidney disease and so I thought it was only fitting for me to do something like this and I have been trying to do this for a number of years. It is a privilege for me to be able to do this and I thank you for allowing me to be able to. The team that I have brought down are seasoned dialysis professionals. I thank them for taking the opportunity to come down with me to train and install the machines”, he stated.

The Ministry of Health recognizes the importance of specialized training for medical personnel, and the arrival of the Canadian team marks a crucial step forward in elevating the standard of care for patients requiring haemodialysis. The knowledge transfer and practical expertise shared by Mr. Charles Estridge, Yee Young Sang, Carmela Nelson, and Jason Maher will undoubtedly have a lasting positive impact on the healthcare landscape in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

During his remarks, Prime Minister Drew added that the JNF Hospital is in the process of setting up for renal transplants.

“There are a number of young people who are on dialysis with end-stage renal disease and while dialysis is a modality to help with that condition, the transplant has been shown to be superior in terms of quality of life and how long a person can live with renal disease. So, that will be a new programme to come on stream”, he stated.

As the Ministry of Health moves forward, guided by the commitment of dedicated medical professionals and the support of international partners like Mr. Charles Estridge and his team, the Government envisions a future where healthcare services continue to thrive, and the well-being of the citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis remains at the forefront of all efforts.

The Ministry of Health extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Canadian team and looks forward to continued collaboration in advancing the medical capabilities of the nation.

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Tech shares fall as China mulls child smartphone limits

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A young boy uses an iPhone to take photos in Beijing.

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By Annabelle Liang
Business reporter

Chinese technology shares fell after the country's cyberspace regulator recommended limiting smartphone usage of children under 18.

Shares of firms like Alibaba and video-sharing site Bilibili fell on Wednesday and saw more losses early on Thursday.

The proposed law would see children being only allowed to use their phones for a maximum of two hours a day.

It comes four years after children in the world's second-largest economy were subject to gaming restrictions.

The rules proposed by the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), will also see children banned from accessing the internet on mobile devices from 22:00 to 06:00 local time.

The CAC's proposal requires industry players including mobile phone device makers, apps and app stores to develop a function called "minor mode" to set usage limits - which vary by age.

While children between the ages of 16 to 18 will be allowed two hours of screen time a day, those under the age of eight will only be allotted eight minutes.

The proposal is currently open to public feedback.

Technology giants will likely be made responsible for enforcing the rules, much like how it worked with gaming restrictions, Ray Wang, the founder and chief executive of Silicon Valley-based consultancy Constellation Research, told the BBC.

restrictions have been fairly well implemented," Mr Wang said.

Shares of Alibaba closed more than 3% lower in Hong Kong on Wednesday. That of Bilibili tumbled by close to 7% in the territory.

By mid-day on Thursday, Alibaba was trading around 2% lower while Bilibili was down by 0.5%.

However, shares of technology giant Tencent, which closed around 3% lower, were 0.1% higher in Hong Kong.

China has implemented several measures to curb video game addiction, which officials say is damaging to children's health.

In November 2019, the country imposed a curfew on online gaming for minors.

Gamers under 18 were banned from playing online between 22:00 and 08:00. They were also restricted to 90 minutes of gaming on

weekdays and three hours on weekends and holidays.

Almost two years later, authorities banned children from gaming for more than three hours a week.

A state media outlet had branded online games as "spiritual opium".

The moves have hurt Chinese technology companies. Increased regulation of the industry helped the US overtake China as the world's biggest gaming market by revenue, according to research firm Newzoo.



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New CDB-EU Project to Strengthen Export Capacity for Antigua and Barbuda’s MSMEs to Enter EU Markets

August 3, 2023, BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - Micro Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) of Antigua and Barbuda will soon benefit from capacity building interventions that will enable private sector entities to access markets in the European Union (EU). The project entitled “Strengthening Private Sector Capacity to Utilise the CARIFORUM European Union Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to Increase Competitiveness and Maximise Opportunities for Global Export” is the second project being implemented in Antigua and Barbuda through the EPA and CSME Standby Facility for Capacity Building.

The project will also focus on interventions aimed at greater market penetration within the CSME by building sustainable export capacity of MSMEs. According to the Honourable E.P. Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda “...the project signifies a new era in our collaboration with the private sector towards greater economic growth, competitiveness, innovation and overall development and will assist local MSMEs to overcome existing export and market access barriers.” He added that the Government must focus on empowering businesses to tap into their full potential. The new project is being managed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

Project Manager, EPA & CSME Standby Facility, Mr. Cyril Gill, stated that the Bank looks forward to continued partnership with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda as they implement this initiative for the advancement of the country’s MSMEs. Speaking at the event, he indicated that the project is unique and timely in that it emphasizes the establishment of a digitally enabled framework where businesses can establish an online presence for the promotion and sale of their products. He further highlighted that it is critical, in the post- pandemic period that

MSMEs adapt to the global digital trends in order to remain relevant and competitive.

EU Project Manager, Mr. Sheldon Jackman, indicated that the project will “...contribute significantly to building institutional, social and economic resilience in Antigua and Barbuda, through the growth of MSMEs...”. He further noted that it is important to explore opportunities provided under the EPA and that creating the necessary capacity building framework that is aimed at providing assistance to small business is vital to a sustainable private sector.

The two-year project is being implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority (ABIA). The two-year initiative provides EUR189,307 in Technical Assistance to Government of Antigua and Barbuda from the EPA & CSME Standby Facility and the Caribbean Technological Consultancy Services Network (CTCS).

The Standby Facility is a Euro 8.75 million resource managed by CDB which offers opportunities to 15 Caribbean economies to grow trade, deepen integration and economic involvement, impact competitiveness, market access and exports by implementing targeted projects in thematic areas.



In photo: Antigua and Barbuda’s National Authorising Office staff left to right- Ms. Juray Roberts, Project Development Officer; Ms. Dante Benjamin- Jackson, Intern; Ambassador Dr. Clarence Henry- Antigua’s Ambassador to CARICOM, Trade Coordinator and National Authorising Officer; Ms. Ileathea Cabral- Project Coordinator; Mr. Jahmaal Frederick, Research Officer

Inaugural West Indies Women’s Academy to commence featuring 16 Rising Stars

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) today announced the new West Indies Women’s Academy programme with the first High Performance camp scheduled to take place from 30 July to 13 August at the West Indies High Performance Centre at Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) in Antigua. The West Indies Women’s Academy will feature an intake of 16Women’s Rising Stars.

This marks a pivotal moment in the development of West Indies Women’s cricket in the region and a key step in the professional journey of the 16 players aspiring to becoming part of the next generation of West Indies Women’s senior players.

The West Indies Women’s Academy programme will provide a long-term development and coaching plan for these emerging players with the opportunity to learn and train alongside some of the best coaches and mentors in women’s cricket. This first West Indies Women’s Academy camp will focus on refining their skills, enhancing their tactical acumen, and nurturing their mental resilience to prepare them for the challenges of international cricket.

CWI’s Talent Pathway Manager Steve Liburd said: “I feel very proud that the inaugural West Indies Women’s Academy has been launched with this first two-week camp in place to start the programme. It’s taken a lot of planning over the last 18 months, so to see it coming to fruition is a major step forward for the development of the next generation of West Indies Women’s cricketers. This first Academy camp is going to be different to previous High Performance camps, as it will be more holistic in developing players all-round game.”

Liburd added: “Most of the Academy intake are continuing from the West Indies Rising Stars Under 19s team that participated in the inaugural ICC Women’s

Under19 Cricket World Cup earlier this year. This is a major investment and development to support their careers with the aim of becoming senior international cricketers. Our mandate at the West Indies Women’s Academy is aid their progress into the senior West Indies Women’s team and to equip them to become top international cricketers.”

The West Indies Women’s Academy is part of CWI’s long term strategic plan to invest in and develop women’s cricket across the region and a key stage in the West Indies Player Pathway. By providing a nurturing environment and pathway in which these young players can grow and flourish, CWI aims to create a sustainable pipeline of talent for the West Indies Women’s team.The West Indies Men’s Academy was launched in 2022 and will continue in 2023.

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South Korea 1 - 1 Germany

Cho (6’minutes) FT Popp (42’minutes)
HT 1-1

Lee (6’minutes) Assists Huth (42’minutes)

South Korea 1-1 Germany: Germany knocked out of Women’s World Cup

By Emma Sanders
BBC Sport in Australia
From the sectionWomen’s World Cup

Two-time champions Germany were sent crashing out of the Women’s World Cup group stages in the biggest shock of the tournament thanks to a draw with South Korea.

It is the first time in Germany’s history they have failed to reach the knockout stages.

One of the pre-tournament favourites, Germany knew they needed to better Morocco’s result against Colombia to progress in Group H, but that match finished 1-0 to Morocco.

An early goal by South Korea’s Cho So-hyun shook the Euro 2022 finalists in Brisbane, but captain Alexandra Popp netted her fourth goal in three matches to equalise shortly before half-time.

Germany were heading through as group runners-up as they went off the pitch for the break, but Morocco stunned Colombia to score minutes later in Perth, meaning Martina Voss-Tecklenburg’s side had to win.

Popp was their best hope of scoring again and she almost did, thumping a header off the crossbar minutes after she had bundled it over the line, only for the video assistant referee to confirm it was offside.

The Wolfsburg striker came close again later when she sent a free header wide of the post, roaring in frustration as the minutes ticked away for Germany.

During stoppage time Germany sent countless crosses into South Korea’s box to no avail as substitute Sydney Lohmann struck wide and sent another effort inches over the bar.

Germany’s players fell to the ground at full-time and were in tears as they were consoled by staff members.

South Korea finish bottom of the group, having lost their first two matches.

Colombia face Jamaica on Tuesday at 09:00 BST in the last 16, while Morocco take on France at 12:00.

Germany exit will send shockwaves across world

This has already been a World Cup full of surprises, but very few would have predicted Germany to exit after only three games in Australia and New Zealand.

Ranked second in the world, they have topped their group in eight of their nine tournament appearances and won back-to-back titles in 2003 and 2007.

However, cracks had shown during the tournament as, despite opening with a 6-0 victory over Morocco, they looked shaky at the back and were making too many mistakes in possession.

They were punished in their second match by Colombia, losing 2-1, and were at risk of exit as they prepared for their final showdown with South Korea.

South Korea’s 16-year-old Casey Phair had an early strike pushed on to a post by goalkeeper Merle Frohms.

But Germany did not learn from their error as South Korea once again broke in behind Germany’s backline, and this time Cho did not miss.

Like she has done on so many occasions, Popp stepped up to the plate to head in an equaliser and give Germany a lifeline, but they grew frustrated and lost patience as the game wore on.

Further missed chances by Popp, Lohmann and Klara Buhl proved costly and South Korea grew in confidence, running down the clock smartly and remaining resolute in defence.

Germany are the third team in the world’s top 10 to drop out of the group stages after Olympic champions Canada and South American giants Brazil failed to progress.

The Ashes: England lose two-thirds of World Test Championship points for slow over rates

From the sectionCricket



Ben Stokes surveys the scene with hands on hips
England are now fifth in the early stages of the third World Test Championship

England have lost two-thirds of the World Test Championship points they earned in the Ashes after bowling consistently slow over rates.

Ben Stokes’ side did not bowl at the required rate in four of the five Tests and have lost 19 of the 28 points they won for two wins and a draw.

Australia have lost 10 points for a slow over rate in the fourth Test.

England and Australia players have also been fined 5% of their match fee for each point lost.

Teams are docked a point for each over they are short. England have lost two points for two missing overs at Edgbaston, nine from the Lord’s Test, three for Old Trafford and five for The Oval.

The third edition of the Test Championship has just begun, with a final due to be played in 2025.

England sit fifth in the early standings, with Australia in third and Pakistan top after their series win over Sri Lanka.

Sides accumulate points from each Test they play over a two-year cycle, with the leading two teams meeting in a one-off match to decide the Championship.

Australia won the 2021-23 competition, beating India by 209 runs at The Oval in June.

But this will send shockwaves among supporters who are so used to seeing Germany arrive in the latter stages of major tournaments, and it is a huge comedown 12 months after they lost to England in the Euro 2022 final.

Result could shake up knockout stages

South Korea had a disappointing tournament but at least end on a high, avoiding defeat for only the third time in 13 matches in the competition.

Cho, who left Tottenham at the end of the Women’s Super League season, became the first South Korea player to score more than one goal at the Women’s World Cup, having netted against Spain in 2015.

Her goal, though it did little to change South Korea’s outcome, could have a significant impact on the rest of the tournament given the draw is now wide open thanks to Germany’s shocking exit.

Voss-Tecklenburg’s side would have been on course to meet England in the quarter-finals or semi-finals had both reached that stage.

But there is now an opportunity for Morocco, who pipped Germany to a place in the last 16, to mirror the achievements of their male counter-parts, who shocked the world to reach the last four in Qatar in December.

“Everybody would have thought that was it when Popp scored, but we kept fighting and kept playing,” said South Korea manager Colin Bell.

“I didn’t know that Germany would be out. I only found out four or five minutes after the match. I lived there and played football there. I am surprised and also sad that they didn’t get into the last 16.

“They tried everything so you have to credit them for that.”