



Grenada's 50th Anniversary of Independence

Message to the Diaspora by The Honourable Joseph Andall

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One People, One Journey, One Future



Warm Greetings to all Grenadians in the Diaspora, and best wishes for a productive and fruitful New Year.

February 7th, 2024 marks a momentous occasion in our Country's history.

Fifty years ago, we emerged from the shadows of colonialism through the steadfast determination and visionary outlook of our forefathers who laid the foundation for the homeland we are fortunate to live in.

Our path to independence was not easy, but it was through unwavering and invincible strength that we, as a nation, surmounted our early challenges. Our ability to overcome adversity is a testament to the resilient spirit of the Grenadian people.

As we stand on the threshold of a new era, it would be remiss of us not to reflect on the struggles of the trailblazers who paved the way such that today, we can experience and enjoy the fruits of their sacrifice. Their determination and desire to build a society guided by principles of equality and justice for all, must be duly recognized and applauded.

On the occasion of our Golden Jubilee of Independence, the theme, "One People, One Journey, One Future," encapsulates the essence of our nation; committed to unity, collectively working towards sustainable development, moving forward together, guided by the principles of self-determination, peace and democracy and a shared vision for a better future for all citizens.

Our Grenadian spirit compels us to continue to push relentlessly towards higher stages of progress. We are all stakeholders in the future of our nation, we must therefore allow our patriotism and national pride to motivate us to not just do more, but to do better, for the Country we love. If we embrace our collective responsibility to the fullest, boundless possibilities lie ahead.

Indeed, Grenada is a testimony to the pivotal role the Diaspora plays in a nation's development. The contribution of our compatriots in the major diasporic communities around the world does not go unnoticed or unrecognized.

Grenadians living and working abroad, are true ambassadors that promote and defend Grenada at every turn. Equally, your selfless contribution to economic development -including remittances, investment, philanthropy, establishment of networks that facilitate collaboration and many other initiatives are immensely appreciated.

As we celebrate our remarkable achievements, we must be mindful of the challenges that lie ahead. We live in an era of rapidly evolving geopolitics and new emerging threats. Climate change, economic disparity, and global pandemics are just a few of the issues that demand our attention. But we are not discouraged, Grenadians have consistently exemplified resilience, unwavering resolve, and tenacity.

May Grenada forever shine as a beacon of hope, a testament to the power of independence, a symbol of the indomitable human spirit, and a country of strong men and women.

50 is a big deal!

May God bless us all!