



Grenada's 50th Anniversary of Independence

Message to the Diaspora by The Honourable Dickon Mitchell

Prime Minister of Grenada

One People, One Journey, One Future



Fellow Grenadians in the Diaspora,

With hearts filled with gratitude and national pride, Grenadians everywhere come together to celebrate this remarkable milestone of our nation's 50th anniversary of independence.

Grenada's 50th anniversary highlights a journey that has shaped the course of our rich history and defined our identity as a people. Throughout this journey we have faced many trials, weathered storms, celebrated victories and upsurged an unwavering spirit of resilience. A journey that our fore parents, in their quest for freedom and self-determination, stood shoulder to shoulder, undaunted by the challenges they faced.

As we reflect on our journey we must recognise and pay tribute to those who fought for the ideals that form the very fabric of our identity. Let us remember the forthrightness of Sir Eric Matthew Gairy and the role he played in raising the socio-political consciousness of the Grenadian people—from adult suffrage in 1951 to gaining our independence in 1974. Let us also remember the hard work and the progress made by young people during the Grenadian revolution and the achievements in the social and economic spheres that allowed Grenada to be a dynamic force in the 80s. We celebrate our heroes of today; our athletes who continue to represent us on the world stage, our creatives, farmers, doctors, nurses, teachers, police officers, entrepreneurs and the unsung heroes who contribute to youth development within our communities.

Due to our rich history, we should be fueled with determination to overcome challenges, inspire acts of compassion, and foster solidarity. Together, we have weathered storms, emerged stronger, and proven that the bonds that tie us together are unbreakable.

The struggles our people endured and the sacrifices they made are the very foundation upon which our nation stands. It is in the diversity of our landscapes, cultures, and traditions that we find the richness of our heritage.

As we recognize our 50 years of challenges and celebrate our triumphs, I want to acknowledge the roles that each of you play as we continue to build our nation. Your commitment to Grenada is the celebration of our diversity, an acknowledgment that each thread in our societal tapestry contributes to what can make Grenada Great.

As we celebrate our golden jubilee, let us recommit ourselves to the values that define us. Let us celebrate our achievements, acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead and work together as one people to continue to build our country.

And so, I encourage all of you to look towards the next 50 years and beyond with our collective efforts as we aspire to build and advance as one people. Let us be optimistic about the future and inspire the next generation of leaders—a generation who can shape the world in ways that our forefathers have only imagined.

Looking forward, we envision “One Future”, shaped by our collective efforts, aspirations and a shared responsibility. We envision a Grenada where every Grenadian, regardless of background, has an equal opportunity to flourish and pave the way for a future that benefits all Grenadians.

Happy Independence Grenada!