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FROM THE DESK OF THE AMBASSADOR

Year-End Reflections and Greetings



Fellow Grenadians and Friends of Grenada,

As the year draws to a close, I extend my warmest greetings for a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. The Embassy of Grenada in Washington, DC, is honored to serve as a vital link between our cherished homeland and the international community here. Your steadfast support and engagement have made 2024, even with its challenges, a year of remarkable progress and accomplishment.

Grenada's 50th Independence Anniversary

- The Embassy hosted multiple events to mark this historic occasion, including an OAS Protocolary Meeting to receive the Prime Minister of Grenada and a Jubilee Year reception and awards ceremony at the OAS, an Independence Church Service, and a special event in collaboration with "Things to Do DC," collectively engaging over 600 attendees.

Cultural Diplomacy

- Promoting Grenadian art and culture was a key priority. Notable activities included an Art Exhibition at the OAS attended by some 300 guests, an "Embassy Night on Capitol Hill" with over 200 participants, and featuring a talented Grenadian artist in residence whose work reached an estimated 10,000 people through our varied engagement channels.



2024 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE MR. JAREL GILBERT

Diaspora Outreach

- The Embassy participated in eight main diaspora events across the U.S., from flag-raising ceremonies in Boston to galas in Houston, South Virginia, and New York. We also facilitated meaningful connections between Grenadian authorities and diaspora members, including a town hall meeting with Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell that engaged some 150 participants.



The Grenada Delegation, City and State Officials gather for the Flag Raising Ceremony in Boston - February 2024



Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell engaging with Grenada Diaspora at the Town Hall Meeting in Washington - September 2024

Bilateral Engagements:

Strengthening Grenada's ties with OAS member states and U.S. partners, state and corporate, remained a cornerstone of our work. Throughout the year, we facilitated over 20 engagements, covering topics from climate resilience to public safety, and hosted three strategic meetings between Grenadian ministries and U.S. agencies.



SALUTATIONS FROM GRENADA



Grenada continues to shine as a beacon of hope, resilience, and opportunity. The theme and program of activities commemorating our 50th Independence Anniversary in 2024 reminded us of our shared journey and the enduring strength of our people. Whether celebrating at home or abroad, let us carry forward this pride and unity into the New Year



Winternational Embassy Showcase 2024

The Embassy of Grenada in Washington DC had the honor of participating in the Winternational Embassy Showcase organized by at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center on December 5th 2024. According to the organizers, this year's Showcase saw participation from 68 embassies and attracted 8,000 attendees, the highest visitor rate since the event's inception in 2011. It was a great opportunity for Grenada.



One People, One Journey, One Future

Hurricane Relief Efforts:

In response to Hurricane Beryl, we mobilized critical disaster relief resources, including from the OAS Emergency Aid Fund and facilitated the rendering of donations coordinated by such entities as Samaritan's Purse and the International Association of Black Firefighters. Our efforts underscored the strength of partnerships and the solidarity of our diaspora.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we prepare for the year ahead, the Embassy remains committed to:

- Deepening our engagement with the diaspora to foster greater collaboration.
- Promoting Grenada's cultural and economic interests globally.
- Strengthening partnerships for disaster resilience and climate adaptation.
- Advocating for the growth and prosperity of our homeland on the international stage.

We invite you to join us in these efforts and continue to be part of Grenada's journey.



Closing Thoughts

As we reflect on the challenges and successes of the past year, let us enter 2025 with hope, determination, and unity. On behalf of the Embassy of Grenada, I wish you and your loved ones the Christmas promise of peace and joy. May you see prosperity this holiday season and in the year to come.

Let us remain connected, inspired, and committed to building a brighter future for Grenada.

Warm regards,

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