



Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)



Grenada's Prime Minister Addressed CACCI and Caribbean American Business Leaders in New York

New York City. The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) hosted an International Power Breakfast Meeting in honor of Grenada's recently elected Prime Minister, **Honorable Tillman J. Thomas, Esq.** and **Mrs. Sandra Thomas** and members of the Prime Minister's delegation: **Hon. Patrick Simmons**, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Culture and Sports; **Senator George Prime**, Minister of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY.

In his remarks to over 100 Grenadian Americans, other Caribbean Americans, and other ethnic groups, **Prime Minister Thomas** described Grenada as a business friendly environment and stressed accountability and transparency as hallmarks of his new administration. He discussed business opportunities, encouraged business investments in Grenada, and thanked Grenadians and friends of Grenada for their contributions, which have helped to sustain its growth and development.

According to **Dr. Roy A. Hastick**, Sr. President and Founder, CACCI, “we are pleased to have planned and hosted this International Business Breakfast meeting in honor of the **Honorable Prime Minister Thomas** and his delegation on his inaugural official visit to New York since election to office. We brought together a cross-section of business and government leaders and entrepreneurs from varied backgrounds and professions, and finance, information technology, air traffic management, high end security operations, social infrastructure, and various other professional specializations to explore business opportunities which could contribute to the development of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.”

Officials who addressed the gathering included: CACCI Board Chairman **Derek E. Broomes**; **Alfred Butler**, Chairman, NY Chapter of the Grenada National Democratic Congress; **Yvonne Graham**, Assistant to the Brooklyn Borough President; NYS Senator **Eric Adams**; NYS Assemblyman **Karim Camara**; NYC Councilmember **Dr. Kendall Stewart**; **Dionne Mack-Harvin**, Executive Director of the Brooklyn Public Library, **Tony Best**, Editor, Carib News; **Halim Majeed**, Director, CACCI’s MWBE/International Programs; **Dr. Waldaba Stewart**, CACCI’s Caribbean Trade Center Development Team, and **Lowell Hawthorne**, President, Golden Krust Bakery and Grill Franchises and CACCI board member.

Special guests representing government, educational and medical institutions included: **Michele Clarke-Ceres**, Chief of Protocol, the New York State Governor David Paterson; **Ricardo A. Aguirre, Esq.**, Counsel to the New York State Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes Vasquez; **Elizabeth Daly**, Director, NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Office of International Business Commission; **Anita Taylor**, District Manager representing Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke; **Dr. Edison Jackson**, President, Medgar Evers College, CUNY; **Michael Harrell**, Vice President, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; **Dean Evelyn Castro**, Long Island University; Civil Court **Justice Sylvia Ash** and Supreme Court **Justice Sylvia Hynes Radix**; **Mc Donald Romain**, owner of the popular Grenadian-owned La Bay Market and CACCI board members **Balfour Peart**, Business Consultant and **George Hulse**, Vice President, Health First.

The event was sponsored by the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Caribbean Trade Center, and co-sponsored by the **Brooklyn Public Library** and **La Bay Market**. Planning Committee members and contributors were: **Derek Cyrus, Esq.**,

International Business Consultant, **Leslie McQueen**, NDC member, **Roland and Dorensa Roberts**, United First Financial, **Gerry Hopkins, JD.**, Marketing and Public Relations Co., and **Derek Noel**, DECK Productions who served as Program Moderator.

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