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On Thursday, June 20, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, accompanied by Embassy Counsellor Mr. Robin Motayne, held a highly productive meeting with executives from Banco Nacional de Crédito (BNC) at their offices in El Rosal, Caracas. The meeting was marked by a spirit of innovation, collaboration, and knowledge exchange, aimed at fostering closer ties between the Venezuelan and Guyanese banking sectors. This alliance with BNC will also facilitate the payment of the Embassy staff's salaries and support the daily operations of the Embassy.



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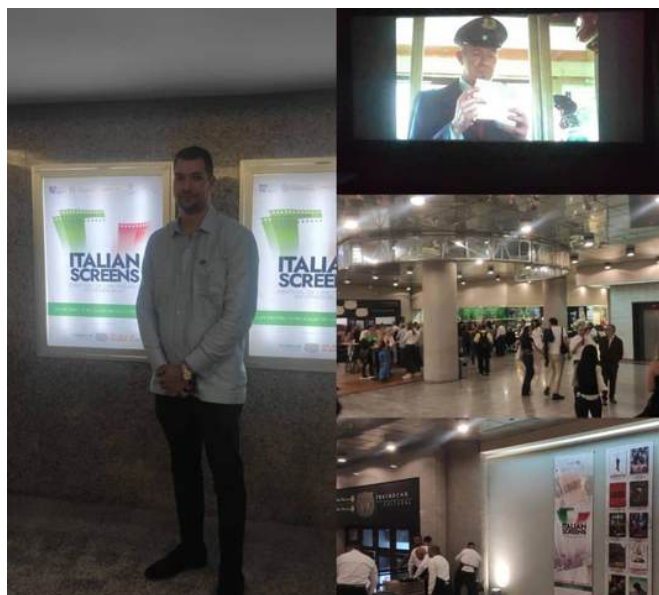
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The Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas was delighted to participate in the Italian Film Festival in Venezuela: Italian Screens. This prestigious event commenced on June 20, 2024, at the Trasncho Cultural spaces, marking the beginning of a ten-day celebration of Italian cinema. From June 20 to 30, the festival featured a selection of the top 10 Italian films from the past two years, showcasing the rich cultural and artistic heritage of Italy. Our participation underscores the Embassy's commitment to fostering cultural exchange and strengthening the ties between Guyana and Italy. We were honored to join this vibrant celebration of cinema and look forward to future collaborations that promote cultural understanding and appreciation.



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From the latter half of June 2024 through July 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles has engaged in a series of pivotal meetings with Venezuelan and Guyanese businesspersons based in Venezuela. These discussions have spanned various commercial sectors, including Electricity, Metalworking, Metallurgy, Services, Construction, and Mining. The entrepreneurs have expressed keen interest in investing in Guyana and fostering a robust relationship of investment, cooperation, and exchange between our two nations.

These interactions highlight the Embassy's ongoing commitment to facilitating strategic partnerships and exploring new avenues for economic growth. Dr. Van West-Charles's engagements underscore the mutual benefits of collaboration, aiming to unlock new opportunities and drive sustainable development. The Embassy remains dedicated to nurturing these business relationships, ensuring that the interests of both Guyana and Venezuela are advanced through shared investment and cooperation.



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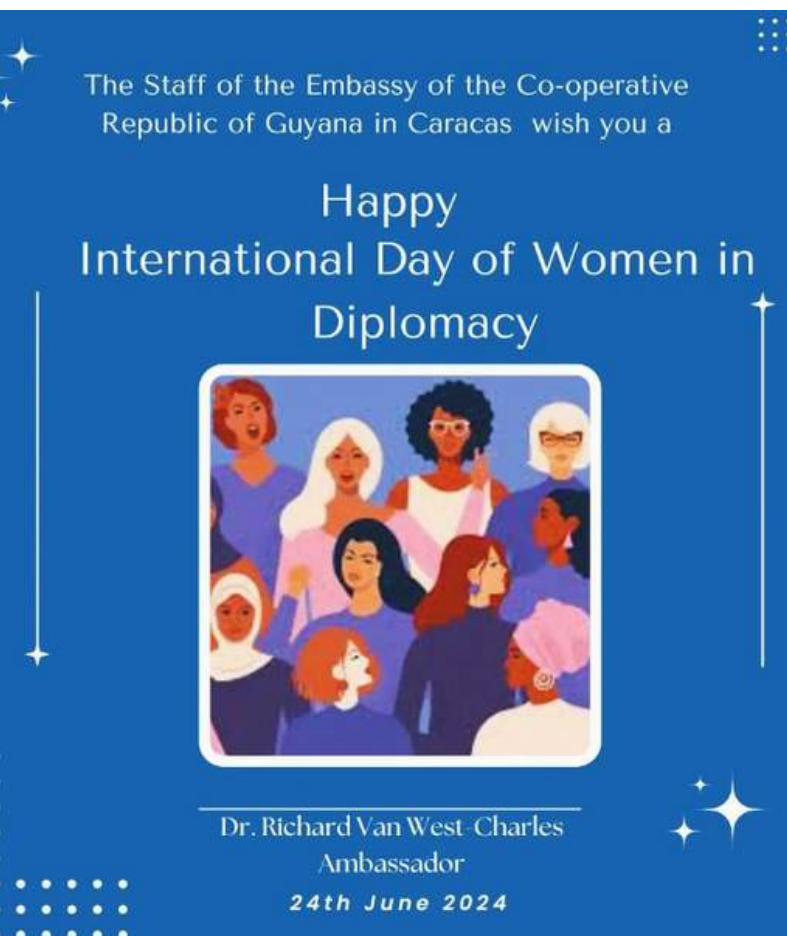
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International Day of Women in Diplomacy

On this International Day of Women in Diplomacy, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the remarkable women serving in the diplomatic sphere. We celebrate their invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication to fostering peace, strengthening international relations, and championing human rights worldwide.

Your resilience, expertise, and commitment are instrumental in shaping a more equitable world.





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Roundtable discussion on Economy in the Venezuelan Electoral Context

On June 25, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles participated in a Roundtable Discussion on the Economy in the Venezuelan Electoral Context. This engaging event was held at the residence of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Venezuela, hosted by the Honorable Mrs.

Quirine Van de Linde. The discussion featured renowned economists Asdrúbal Oliveros and José Manuel Puente, who shared valuable insights on Venezuela's economic projections in light of the upcoming elections on July 28, 2024. It was an informative exchange that provided a deeper understanding of the economic landscape and challenges facing the country as it approaches this important electoral moment.



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Floral Wreath: 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Venezuela and China

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Venezuela and China, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles participated in the Floral Wreath Ceremony held at the National Pantheon in Caracas. The event was attended by Executive Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, Minister of People's Power for Foreign Affairs Yván Gil, and the Special Representative of the Chinese Government for Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, Qiu Xiaoqi. Together, they paid tribute to the Liberator Simón Bolívar by placing a floral wreath at his sarcophagus.

The solemn ceremony, set against the patriotic notes of "Gloria al Bravo Pueblo" and "The March of the Volunteers," reaffirmed the enduring friendship between Caracas and Beijing. Over the past fifty years, this relationship has been forged through mutual support in the evolving international context, enabling both nations to advance their political, economic, and social development.

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Interactive Session: International Day of Women in Diplomacy

The Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas proudly participated in the IDWID 2024 Interactive Session, highlighting the invaluable contributions of our female staff in diplomacy. Women are shaping the future! The session featured distinguished speakers including Her Excellency, Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations, N.Y., who shared insights on a career in diplomacy from a global perspective.

Ambassador George Talbot, Guyana's Ambassador to CARICOM and Director of the Multilateral and Global Affairs Department, provided his perspective on women in diplomacy. Ms. Donnette Streete, Head of the Frontiers Unit, discussed finding your niche, and Mrs. Sabrina Chitram-Ramnaraine, Senior Foreign Service Officer I in the Bilateral Affairs Department, addressed the balance of managing family life in diplomacy. This enriching session underscored the significant role of women in shaping the diplomatic landscape.



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Message from H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles on CARICOM Day



Happy CARICOM Day !

1st July 2024

On this special day, we celebrate the unity, strength, and shared heritage of our Caribbean community. As Hurricane Beryl reminds us of our vulnerabilities, let us stand together in solidarity, extending our prayers and support to our Caribbean brothers and sisters. Our shared resilience and unity will guide us through these challenges and maintaining the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace. Together, we will build a brighter, more prosperous future.

With heartfelt wishes,

Dr. Richard Van West-Charles
Ambassador of the Co-operative
Republic of Guyana, Caracas. Venezuela



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Floral Wreath: CARICOM 51st Anniversary

A floral tribute ceremony at the sarcophagus of the Liberator Simón Bolívar in the National Pantheon of Caracas marked the 51st anniversary of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The event included participation from the embassies of CARICOM countries accredited in Venezuela.

Raúl Li Causi, Vice Minister for the Caribbean of the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs, attended alongside the ambassadors of Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, Guyana, and Antigua and Barbuda. The Venezuelan representative reaffirmed the state's commitment to collaboration with the regional bloc.

CARICOM, established on July 4, 1973, with the signing of the Treaty of Chaguaramas, aims to consolidate the unity of its 15 member states and 5 associate members. The event celebrated the ongoing commitment to strengthening cooperative ties between Venezuela and CARICOM member countries.

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Floral Wreath: Belarus Independence Anniversary

On July 3, 2024, His Excellency Dr. Richard Van West-Charles had the honor of accompanying His Excellency Andrei Leonidovich Molchan, Ambassador of Belarus in Caracas, at the Floral Wreath Ceremony commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Belarus' Independence. The event was graced by the presence of Her Excellency Coromoto Godoy Calderón, Vice Minister of the People's Power for Europe.

The ceremony marked a significant moment of remembrance and celebration, highlighting the enduring friendship and diplomatic ties between our nations. It was an occasion to reflect on the shared values of freedom and sovereignty that unite us.

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Military Parade: 213 Anniversary of the Venezuelan Declaration of Independence

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles participated in the Military Parade commemorating the 213th anniversary of the Independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The event, held in Caracas, was a significant occasion celebrating Venezuela's rich history and national pride.

Dr. Van West-Charles joined various dignitaries and officials in honoring this important milestone, reflecting the strong diplomatic ties between Guyana and Venezuela. The parade showcased the nation's military traditions and spirit of independence.



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Floral Wreath: 72 Anniversary of Egypt National Day

The Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Caracas, proudly participated in the commemoration of Egypt's National Day and the 1952 Revolution. The event, presided over by His Excellency Ambassador Kareem Amin, featured a floral tribute at the sarcophagus of the Liberator Simón Bolívar. The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mr. Yuri Pimentel, Vice Minister for Africa of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as honorable members of the diplomatic corps and the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

July 23, 1952, marks a pivotal moment in modern Egyptian history, leading to significant changes in the political, economic, and social spheres. It ushered in a new political system characterized by achievements in justice, peace, democracy, and economic development.

Under the leadership of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, the revolution brought substantial social advancements, including the nationalization of the Suez Canal and the strengthening of Egypt's Arab and African identity.

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Visit to Rotary Medical Center in Nueva Esparta State.

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, a delegation from the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, visited the State of Nueva Esparta. Their first stop was the Rotary Medical Center on the island, where they toured various medical consultancies and services, including Laboratory, Psychology, Pediatrics, General Medicine, Cardiology, Dentistry, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Podiatry, and more.

We were warmly welcomed by the President-elect of Rotary Maneiro, Mr. Juan Martinez. The Rotary Medical Center serves over 1,400 people monthly and is self-funded through members and partners of Rotary International. However, the Center currently lacks an Immunization Center, prompting an initiative to form an alliance with Rotary Guyana to share experiences and exchange ideas and visions to further strengthen Rotary services in both nations.

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Visit to the Regional Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Maestro Ecberth Lucena in Nueva Esparta

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, during an Official Visit to the State of Nueva Esparta, a delegation led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles visited the rehearsal facilities of the Nueva Esparta Regional Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Maestro Ecberth Lucena.

It was an incredible visit where we engaged with the young musical talents of Nueva Esparta. The Ambassador addressed the youth, congratulating them on their outstanding work and dedication, highlighting the island's cultural qualities, and proposing cultural and musical exchanges with Guyana.

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Meeting with Chamber of Commerce Nueva Esparta

On Friday, July 12, 2024, the delegation led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles held a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters in Nueva Esparta with Mr. Jesús Irausquin, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Nueva Esparta, and representatives from the Construction, Pharmacies, Real Estate, and Industrial sectors of the island.

During this meeting, Dr. Richard Van West-Charles presented a Business Presentation from GO Invest Guyana, showcasing Guyana's potential as a country seeking investment and development across various business areas. A video highlighting Guyana's major projects and tremendous potential in recent years was also shown.

It was a fruitful experience that sparked genuine interest among the attendees to visit Guyana and foster cooperation and business relations.

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Ceremony of Change of Authorities Rotary Maneiro, Nueva Esparta State

On Friday, July 12, 2024, the delegation led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles was invited by the new board of Rotary Maneiro to the Change of Authorities Ceremony held at Hotel Casa Turquesa in Playa Guacuco, Nueva Esparta.

The ceremony highlighted the Rotarians' commitment to creating positive change in the community through social service and support for those in need. Rotary Maneiro's President-elect, Mr. Juan Martinez, reaffirmed Rotary's foundational commitment to generating positive societal changes through service.

The Rotarians also expressed their interest in fostering connections with Rotary Guyana to exchange experiences and visions.

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Consular Visit: Guyanese diaspora in Juan Griego, Nueva Esparta State

On Saturday, July 13, 2024, the delegation led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles conducted a Consular Visit to the Guyanese community of El Venado, Juan Griego, Nueva Esparta. During this visit, attendees received consular services from Mr. Patrick Husain, Honorary Consul of Guyana in Puerto Ordaz, including assistance with passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, and other inquiries.

Dr. Van West-Charles addressed nearly 20 Guyanese residents in this part of the island, emphasizing the importance of keeping their consular matters up to date and staying in touch with the Embassy through social media or email.

He also gave a business presentation showcasing the advancements and major projects underway in Guyana, inviting the attendees to participate in the forthcoming transformations and changes in the country.

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Visit to "Target" group company in Nueva Esparta

To conclude the Official Visit, on Sunday, July 14, 2024, the delegation led by H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles visited the offices of Grupo Target in Nueva Esparta. Grupo Target leads the "Aguila" paint brand, producing 65,000 gallons of epoxy and anti-corrosive paint monthly.

Additionally, Grupo Target also markets and assembles electric generators and generator batteries.

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France National Day: Reception

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles attended the French National Day Reception hosted by His Excellency Ambassador Emmanuel Pineda at the Official French Residence in Caracas.

The event, held on Monday, July 15, 2024, was a significant occasion celebrating France's National Day.

Dr. Van West-Charles honored to join the celebration, reflecting the strong diplomatic ties between Guyana and France. The reception provided an opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations and engage in meaningful dialogue with representatives of the French community in Venezuela.

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CARICOM Special Meeting: Impact of the Hurricane Beryl on Caribbean Infrastructure

On July 16, 2024, a meeting of CARICOM Heads of Missions in Venezuela addressed the impact of Hurricane Beryl on Caribbean infrastructure, housing, and essential services. The meeting included non-resident ambassadors and representatives from diplomatic missions accredited to CARICOM Member States, as well as Vice Minister for the Caribbean Raúl Li Causi.

The presentation, titled "Effects of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean," underscored the urgent need for humanitarian aid, regional cooperation, and enhanced disaster preparedness. Speakers, including Mrs. Michelle Forbes of the National Emergency Management Organisation, Mr. Terence Walters of Grenada's National Disaster Management Agency, and H.E. Aquinas Clarke of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, highlighted the importance of international partnerships and coordinated response measures.



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GRULAC Meeting

On July 17, His Excellency Dr, Richard Van West-Charles participated in the monthly meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Dialogue Group (GRULAC), alongside Ambassadors and Chargé d'Affaires accredited to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The agenda focused on analyzing common regional issues, the impact of Hurricane Beryl and its consequences, and the activities of the CELAC Pro Tempore Presidency held in Honduras, among others.

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Courtesy Visit: Honorable Mr. Giovanni Umberto De Vito, Charge d'Affaires Embassy of Italy, Caracas

On July 17, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles paid a courtesy visit to the Honorable Mr. Giovanni Umberto De Vito, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Italy in Caracas. This diplomatic meeting provided an opportunity for both representatives to discuss matters of mutual interest and strengthen the ties between the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and Italy.

During the visit, Dr. Van West-Charles and Mr. De Vito exchanged insights on current diplomatic initiatives and explored avenues for enhancing cooperation between their respective countries. The discussions reflected a shared commitment to fostering stronger bilateral relations and addressing common challenges.

The courtesy visit highlighted the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration between diplomatic missions, further solidifying the diplomatic bond between Guyana and Italy in Venezuela.

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Floral Wreath: 45th Anniversary of the Triumph of the Sandinista Popular Revolution

On July 18, 2024, Dr. Ganga Persaud, Political Attaché of the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, represented H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador, at a solemn event held at the National Pantheon. The ceremony was organized to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Triumph of the Sandinista Revolution, a significant milestone in Nicaragua's history. The event provided an opportunity to honor the enduring legacy of the revolution and its impact on Nicaragua's political and social landscape.

During the commemoration, Dr. Persaud joined various dignitaries and representatives in paying tribute to the Sandinista Revolution's achievements and its role in shaping the country's trajectory. The participation of the Embassy of Guyana underscored the strong diplomatic ties and solidarity between Guyana and Nicaragua, reflecting a shared commitment to supporting historical milestones and fostering international cooperation.

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Courtesy Visit to Honourable Mr. Khalid Kareem Zangana Charge D’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Caracas

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, paid a Courtesy Visit to the Honorable Mr. Khalid Kareem Zangana, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Caracas.

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Floral Wreath: 214 Anniversary of the Independence of Colombia

On July 19, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles participated in the Floral Wreath Ceremony commemorating the 214th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Colombia. This significant event was attended by the Vice Minister of People's Power for Latin America, Mr. Rander Ismael Pena, and the Ambassador of Colombia in Caracas, H.E. Mr. Milton Rengifo.



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Nelson Mandela International Day- Floral Wreath Bust of Nelson Mandela

A delegation from the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana participated in the Floral Offering Ceremony hosted by the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela. The event, held at Plaza Diego Ibarra at 10:30 am, honored the legacy of Nelson Mandela with a floral offering placed by the Deputy Executive Minister of the Republic of South Africa, the Honorable Cynthia Kumalo. The ceremony also featured the participation of the South African Ambassador to Venezuela, Mrs. Lindiwe Michelle Maseko.

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Forum: Nelson Mandela

A delegation from the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana participated in a forum on Nelson Mandela, held at the headquarters of the Government of the Capital District. This event, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela in the framework of Nelson Mandela International Day, took place at 11:00 am on Friday, July 19, 2024.

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Courtesy Visit to H.E. Joao Pedro De Vasconcelos Fins Do Lago

On Friday, July 19, 2024, His Excellency Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, Ambassador of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, had the great pleasure of making a Courtesy Visit to His Excellency Joao Pedro Fins do Lago, Ambassador of Portugal in Caracas. The visit took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and cooperation, reflecting the strong bilateral relations between Guyana and Portugal. Both ambassadors engaged in meaningful discussions on various topics of mutual interest, including enhancing diplomatic ties, promoting cultural exchange, and exploring opportunities for collaboration in different areas. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of both nations to fostering a spirit of friendship and partnership.

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Courtesy Visit to H.E.Yacine Hadji, Ambasasador of the Democratic and People's Republic of Algeria

On Monday, July 22, 2024, H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency Dr. Yacine Hadji, Ambassador of Algeria in Caracas, Venezuela. The meeting was an opportunity to strengthen the bonds between our nations and discuss collaborative opportunities.

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Statement from the Government of Guyana about Venezuelan Presidential Elections held on July 28th 2024



Government of Guyana Statement

Elections are about people exercising their constitutional right to elect a government of their choice in a free, fair and transparent process. It behoves all to ensure the integrity of that process through the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and strict adherence to the rule of law, including the rules governing elections, to guarantee respect for the will of the people. Guyana therefore, supports the call for a transparent process of verification of the will of the Venezuelan people as exercised on July 28, 2024. The people of Venezuela deserve nothing less.

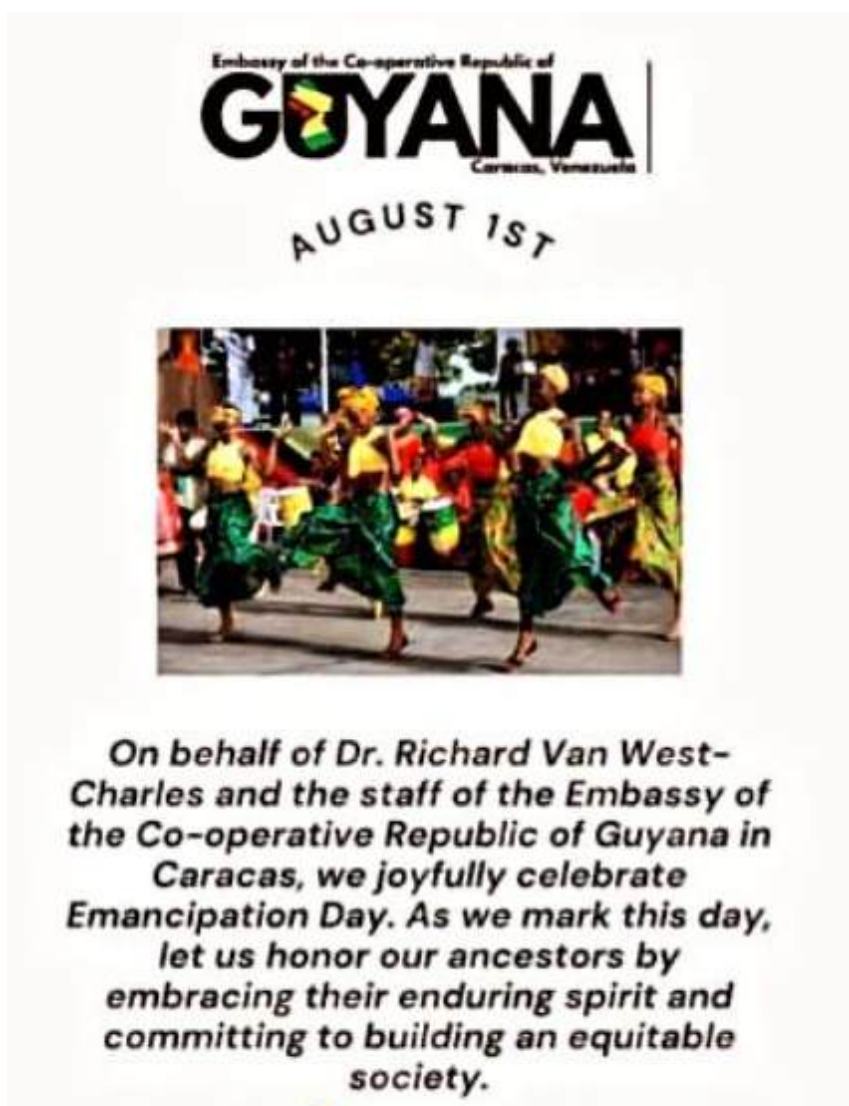


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Statement from H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles and the Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Caracas Staff



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Who we are?

At the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Caracas, we are a family of twelve dedicated individuals, comprising both Guyanese diplomats and local Venezuelan staff. Together, we bring our unique perspectives and skills to the table, working each day towards fostering a strong and healthy relationship between Guyana and Venezuela. Our team is committed to showcasing the best of who we are, united by our shared dedication to excellence in diplomatic work. With a deep respect for our roles and the cultures we represent, we aim to contribute meaningfully to the collaboration and mutual understanding between our two nations.



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Meet our Staff

H.E. Dr. Richard Van West-Charles MD, MPH (Ambassador)



Dr. Richard Van West-Charles is a seasoned public health professional with extensive experience spanning over four decades. He has served in various high-level roles in both national and international public health organizations, contributing significantly to the health sectors across the Caribbean and beyond.

Dr. Van West-Charles earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Havana in 1979 and later completed his Master of Public Health in International Health at the University of Michigan in 1988.

His academic journey also includes specialized training in Health Economics at the University of Aberdeen, Project Management, Leadership, and Negotiation at PAHO/WHO in Italy, and Knowledge Management at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Professionally, Dr. Van West-Charles has held several prominent positions, including Managing Director of Guyana Water Inc. (2015-2020), Vice President at St. Helen University (2012-2014), and Area Manager for Information & Knowledge Management at PAHO/WHO's Regional Office (2003-2008). He has also worked extensively as a Public Health Consultant, providing valuable insights and strategies to organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO). Throughout his career, Dr. Van West-Charles has been at the forefront of numerous initiatives aimed at improving public health systems, particularly in the Caribbean. His work has led to the development of critical health programs, the enhancement of environmental health conditions, and the strengthening of healthcare delivery systems across various islands.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Van West-Charles is a dedicated tennis enthusiast, enjoying the sport as a key part of his personal life.



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**Dr. Ganga Persaud B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D.
(Political Attache)**



Dr. Ganga Persaud is a seasoned consultant and academic with expertise in Human Resource Management, Training and Development, Public Sector Management, and Elections Management. Over his extensive career, he has made significant contributions to local democracy, public administration, and education in Guyana.

He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Summer Lake University, USA, and both a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Guyana.

Currently, Dr. Persaud serves as the Political Attaché at the Guyana Embassy in Caracas and is a member of the Public Service Commission. His past roles include Member of Parliament, Minister of Government, and Permanent Secretary in various ministries. He has also lectured at the University of Guyana and played key roles in elections management in Guyana.



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**Mr. Robin Motayne B.Soc.Sc, MA
(Counsellor)**



Robin Motayne is a distinguished diplomat whose career has been dedicated to the advancement of Guyana's foreign policy and the enhancement of its presence on the international stage. With a wealth of experience garnered over years of dedicated service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Motayne has played a role in shaping and promoting the nations interests within the global community.

In his current capacity, Mr. Motayne serves as the Counsellor at the Embassy of Guyana in Caracas, a position he has held with distinction since October 2023. Prior to this, he capably served as the Charge d'Affaires a.i. at the Embassy from October 2021 to January 2024, a period during which he provided steadfast leadership and upheld the diplomatic mission's objectives with great efficacy. His tenure at the Ministry has also seen him assume pivotal roles such as Senior Foreign Service Officer I and Foreign Service Officer II and III, positions in which he has consistently demonstrated his deep commitment to the promotion of Guyana's Foreign Policy agenda.

Moreover, Mr. Motayne has had the honour of representing Guyana at the United Nations, where he served as Second Secretary and Elections Officer, contributing to the nations engagement in multilateral diplomacy. His breadth of experience is further underscored by his previous involvement in various leadership roles within both his local community and the private sector of Guyana, reflecting a holistic approach to service and leadership.

Academically, Mr. Motayne is well-grounded with a Bachelor of Social Science Degree in International Relations and a Master's Degree in Economics, credentials that have further enriched his diplomatic acumen and equipped him to navigate the complexities of international relations with astuteness and diplomacy.

In sum, Robin Motayne's career exemplifies the dedication and skill that are the hallmarks of an effective representative of Guyana, on the world stage.

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Mrs. Joanna Almendis (Confidential Secretary)



Joanna Denise Almendis, is our Confidential Secretary. Happily married to Carlos, Joanna has dedicated over a decade to her role, bringing warmth, dedication, and a spirit of service to every task she undertakes. Her genuine passion for helping others and her unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and productive work environment make her an invaluable part of our team. Joanna's contributions go beyond her duties; she enriches our workplace with her kindness and a deep sense of community, embodying the true essence of collaboration and growth.



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Ms. Jean Surujpaul (Consular Assistant)



Jean Surujpaul is a dedicated Consular Assistant at the Embassy, embodying the dual heritage of Guyana and Venezuela. Her career spans decades, during which she has supported and served under multiple Ambassadors, including Rudolph A. Collins, Marilyn C. Miles, Satydeow Sawh, Bayney Karran, Geoffrey Da Silva, and currently, Dr. Richard Van West-Charles. Jean's commitment to her role is matched by her passion for reading, traveling, and listening to music, pursuits that enrich her life and inspire her work in the service of her countries.



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Mr. Luis Moreno (Driver 1)



Luis Enrique Moreno, born in August 1960, is 64 years old and serves as the Driver and Escort for the Ambassador. With over 40 years of experience in the public sector, Luis brings a wealth of expertise from his time as a Presidential Honor Guard in Venezuela and his role at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His dedication to his profession is matched by his passion for sports; a natural athlete, Luis is an avid basketball player and enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. His dynamic blend of professionalism and athleticism makes him a valued member of our team.

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Meet our Staff

Mr. Jose Espinoza (Driver 2)



Jose Espinoza has dedicated over 30 years to his role as a Driver and Escort at the Embassy, serving more than five Ambassadors during his tenure.

Known for his professionalism and commitment, Jose approaches his work with honesty, dedication, and meticulous attention to detail. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking and takes great pleasure in dining. Jose's vast experience and passion for service make him an invaluable member of our team.



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**Mr. Daniel Achuelos Davis (Communications
Officer)**



Daniel Achuelos Davis is a seasoned professional with experience in various embassies, currently overseeing Internal and External Communications at the Embassy. Daniel is highly results-oriented, focused on meeting goals and ensuring the successful achievement of the Embassy's objectives. A true team player, he enjoys collaborating with colleagues, engaging in sports, reading, and cooking. Daniel's dedication and versatility make him a vital asset to our team.



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Meet our Staff

Mr. Daniel Sanchez Quintero (Accounts Clerk)



Daniel Sanchez is the Accounts Clerk at the Embassy and the newest addition to our team, having joined nearly six months ago after working at another embassy. A lawyer with extensive experience in administrative and accounting areas, Daniel is versatile, dynamic, and committed to achieving results. He is a dedicated team player with a passion for football and a love for hamburgers.



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Meet our Staff

Ms. Kamal Lall (Cleaner)



Kamal Lall is the second-longest-serving member of the Embassy, following Jose Espinoza, having dedicated many years to supporting multiple Ambassadors. She is a devoted mother who cherishes and cares deeply for her son. Kamal is known for her dedication, honesty, responsibility, and a strong sense of ethics and belonging. Her love for cooking adds to her warm and nurturing personality, making her an invaluable member of our team.



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Mr. Alberto Pedroza (Public Relations Assistant)



Alberto Pedroza has been working at the Embassy for over 5 years and is a dedicated Physical Education and Sports teacher. Alberto is an educated, respectful, committed, and dynamic professional who is always active. He enjoys outdoor exercises, riding his motorcycle, and exploring new places.

His energetic and adventurous spirit makes him a valued member of our team.



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Mr. Juan Siolo (Gardener)



Juan Siolo is a dedicated father of five, known for his responsibility and care for his family. He has been a valuable member of the Embassy for nearly 7 years. A young and enthusiastic sportsman, Juan has a deep passion for football and a love for good food. His commitment to both his family and his work, along with his lively spirit, make him a cherished member of our team.