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New Taiwanese ambassador officially welcomed to SKN

Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, officially welcomed His Excellency Edward Tao, the newly-appointed Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Saint Kitts and Nevis, during a diplomatic courtesy meeting on July 31st.

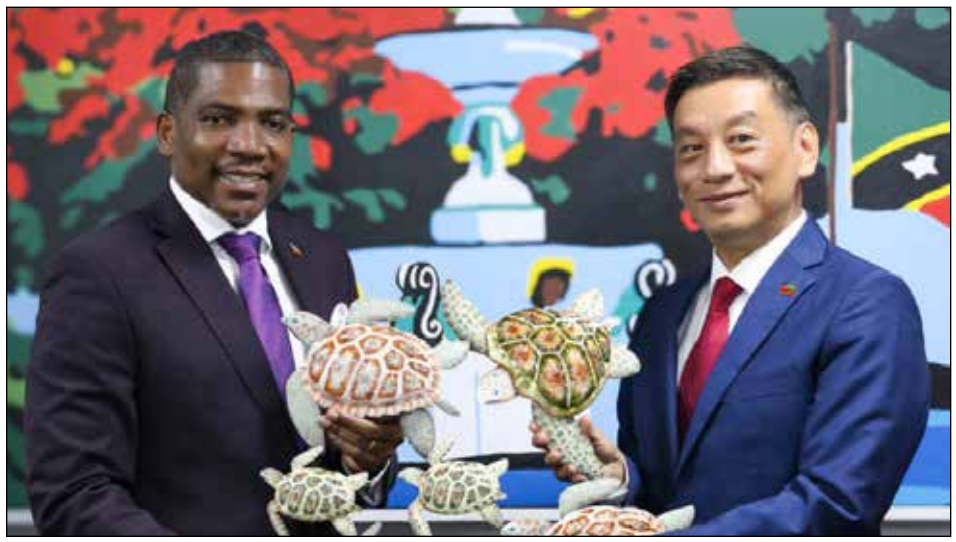
Prime Minister Drew used the opportunity to express his confidence in the Ambassador's ability to continue the strong diplomatic work of his predecessor, H.E. Michael Lin, and reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to deepening the long-standing relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan), which this year marks 41 years of diplomatic ties.

"Our countries have enjoyed a history of close cooperation, and we look forward to building on that foundation under your tenure," Prime Minister Drew stated.

The Prime Minister also acknowledged Taiwan's continued contributions to key national sectors, including agriculture, renewable energy, education, and health. He also reiterated the Government's support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organisations.

During the introductory meeting, Ambassador Tao conveyed greetings from the President and Premier of Taiwan and confirmed Taiwan's continued interest in strengthening bilateral collaboration. He also thanked the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis for its consistent support of Taiwan at the United Nations and other international fora.

The meeting also included updates on a number of ongoing projects and upcoming initiatives.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Three bills for second reading in the Assembly on Monday

The Order Paper has been issued for a sitting of the National Assembly to be held at the National Assembly Chambers, Government Headquarters, Basseterre, on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Notice has been given.

Three Bills will receive their second reading.

The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister responsible for Finance, National Security, Citizenship and Immigration, Health and Social Security, Dr. Terrance Drew, will move the second reading of the Special Sustainability Zones Authorisation Bill, 2025, the Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Agreement (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

All three Bills had their first reading on July 31, 2025.

The National Assembly will be carried live on ZIZ Radio (96 FM) and participating radio stations. It can also be viewed live on TV Channel 5 in St. Kitts and Channel 98 in Nevis. It will also be streamed live at www.zizonline.com.

Copies of the Bills, as soon as they are made available, can be found on the website (www.sknis.gov.kn) of the St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service under the section titled Bills. The Bills can also be accessed via the Facebook page: St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Project:

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Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Thursday 7th August, 2025 for a non-refundable fee of EC$2,500.00 each.

Completed bid shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
at or before 1:00pm Friday 3rd October, 2025

Contractors or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Contractors be locally registered in the Federation of St Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 31/7/2025 ST. KITTS WEST INDIES

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

KEEPING MILLION$ IN THE FEDERATION

National Lotteries Authority Bill passed in effort to retain EC$70 million in revenue leaving Federation each year

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew on Thursday last, July 31, championed the passage of the National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, emphasising its transformative potential to retain an estimated EC$70 million in annual lottery revenue currently leaving the Federation.

The National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, establishes the National Lotteries Authority (NLA) as a body corporate, charged with managing all lottery operations within the Federation. It includes provisions for employment, social funding, regulatory compliance, and financial oversight. The Gaming Commission, under the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC), will continue as the chief regulator for all gaming activities, including oversight of the NLA.

In his address, Prime Minister Drew stated that the proposed NLA would establish a locally-owned and professionally-managed lottery system that prioritises transparency, accountability, and national development. He revealed that of the estimated EC$70 million generated by the current lottery operations annually, only EC$50,000 is paid to the Government — a situation he described as "shocking and unacceptable."

"We are not talking about EC$7 million, but EC$70 million leaving our country each year," Dr. Drew stated. "That is too much money leaving our Federation. This money can be kept here and help to further advance the lives of our people."

The new system, under the NLA, is projected to channel EC$10–$15 million annually into critical social services, including the development of a National Health Insurance system and other social protection initiatives.

Dr. Drew noted that funds generated from the lottery will be set aside before any other spending, and will no longer be absorbed into general revenue. The Bill also mandates that all lottery winnings, procurement, and salaries remain within the Federation to stimulate domestic economic activity and job creation.

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> **Dr. Terrance Drew**
> **Prime Minister**

"This would create a brand new sector in Saint Kitts and Nevis, and this will help us to achieve many of our national goals, especially in the areas of social security," the prime minister said. "A local subsidiary will be established. Approximately 20 nationals will be directly employed with many more receiving income as sales agents etcetera."

Citing examples from Grenada, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Guyana, and others, Dr. Drew emphasised that nationalised lottery models have delivered measurable benefits, including funding for education, health, sports, and disaster relief.

"The model we are adopting is the same. These countries have shown that exclusive national lotteries can be run successfully with strong public benefit and local control," Prime Minister Drew added.

With strong regulatory safeguards, transparent management, and guaranteed local reinvestment, the National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025, represents a shift toward economic self-determination and greater equity for the

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COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr.Terrance Drew said the action would help the Federation retain millions in lost revenue.

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A. D. 2025

In the matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19 of the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis
And
In the matter of a Certificate of Title dated the 26th day of October 2010, registered in the Registry of Titles Nevis Circuit in Book 48 Folio 339 under the name of TARECIA NEKESHA BROOKES
And
In the matter of an application for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in place of the lost duplicate Certificate of Title

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate of Title dated **26th day of October 2010** and recorded in **Register Book 48 Folio 339** of the Register of Titles for the Nevis Circuit in favour of **TARECIA NEKESHA BROOKES** of Low Ground Estate, St John Parish in the Island of Nevis, Registered Proprietor, of **ALL THAT** lot piece or parcel of land situate at Low Ground Estate in the Parish of John in the Island of Nevis, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: **On the North East by Lot No. 51, 100.03 feet; On the South East by a Public Road, 46.57 feet; On the South West by Lot No. No. 55, 100.00 feet and On the North West by Lot No. 56, 9.72 feet and by Lot No. 54, 34.33 feet** and comprising by admeasurement **4,531 square feet** all as the same is delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Simeon Hill, Licensed Land Surveyor of the Town of Charlestown in the Island of Nevis.

Any person or persons knowing the whereabouts or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Charlestown, Nevis or **WALWYN SLACK CLARKE & WHITE**, Suites 16 & 17, Temple Building, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 31st of July 2025

WALWYN SLACK CLARKE & WHITE
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

EDITORIAL

Let this be the beginning of a new chapter

We sometimes can't see the forest for the trees when it comes to meaningful representation of what is ours and the recognition of the absolute brilliance in our midst – the innovation, the creativity, the foresight. Little by little, such awareness is coming to the fore, and the results will undoubtedly be to the benefit of our people, and the country as a whole.

Attorney General Garth Wilkin's recent reflection in the National Assembly on the potential disadvantageous fate a talented young creator can face was eye-opening to say the least.

He asserted: *"Consider the young Kittitian who developed a visually stunning and imaginative board game. His work was so impressive that it was referenced at our breakfast meeting with WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) Director General Daren Tang in November 2023. Until now, that young man had no legal recourse if someone copied his work. With this Bill, he and others like him will be able to register and defend their designs both locally and globally."*

And so that is why the passage of the Industrial Designs Bill, 2025, is quite frankly a game-changer for this nation. Its alignment with global intellectual property standards is a key element, and of course, it sets the stage for a more energetic and competitive creative economy.

Empowerment of creators and the legal safeguards in the legislation will not only protect their ingenuity, but also carve out a prominent place in the global marketplace.

Industrial design has fast become a cornerstone of modern economies, influencing everything from product functionality and production to branding and consumer appeal. With this legislation, Saint Kitts and Nevis has taken a giant leap toward fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

As recognised by the lawmakers recently, for years, local designers and creators have faced challenges in safeguarding their work on both domestic and international platforms. The Industrial Designs Bill, 2025, addresses these concerns head-on. It introduces a robust framework that ensures creators have exclusive rights over their designs, preventing unauthorized copying or exploitation.

There will be more confidence in the creative sector. Designers now have the assurance that their intellectual property is legally protected, incentivizing them to innovate without fear of losing their hard work to unscrupulous competitors.

By bringing its IP laws up to par with international norms, Saint Kitts and Nevis is positioning itself as a nation that values and respects intellectual property rights—a critical factor for attracting foreign investment and fostering international collaborations.

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Dr. Julius Garvey standing near the #NevisNice fixture on the Island Main Road outside the Artisan Village at Pinney's.

Dr. Julius Garvey visits Nevis as part of historic journey honouring father's legacy

Dr. Julius Garvey, the sole surviving son of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jamaica's first National Hero, paid a historic visit to Nevis on August 5, as part of a symbolic journey retracing the steps of his father through Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Dr. Garvey, accompanied by his assistant Mr. David Malcolm Hanley, arrived in Nevis as part of a wider tour across the Federation in tribute to the Pan-Africanist legacy of his father- a pioneering advocate for the empowerment and unity of people of African descent.

During his visit, Dr. Garvey toured several historical and cultural landmarks on Nevis. His itinerary included the Museum of Nevis History and Hamilton House, where he was guided by members of the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NHCS). He also visited Bath Stream, the historic Bath Hotel, and Maroon Hill in Hermitage Village.

Dr. Garvey's delegation, which included members of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, made additional stops at the Nevisian Heritage Village, New River Estate, St. James Anglican Church, New Castle Pottery, and the iconic Cottle Church - each site offering rich insight into the island's history and heritage.

The Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, hosted Dr. Garvey to lunch at the Golden Rock Botanical Gardens, where he presented him with a gift bag containing locally made memorabilia. Speaking on the occasion, Premier Brantley reflected on the significance of the visit.

"I had the distinct honour and pleasure to host Dr .Julius Garvey, the son of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey in Nevis," he said.

"Dr. Garvey is on an official visit St. Kitts and Nevis, a land that his father Marcus Garvey visited decades ago. We had a fascinating exchange of ideas, and I left feeling intellectually enriched at the insights that Dr. Garvey offered on world affairs, politics and importantly the state of Pan-Africanism. Dr. Garvey is building on the rich legacy left by his father, and I wish him continued good health and long life."

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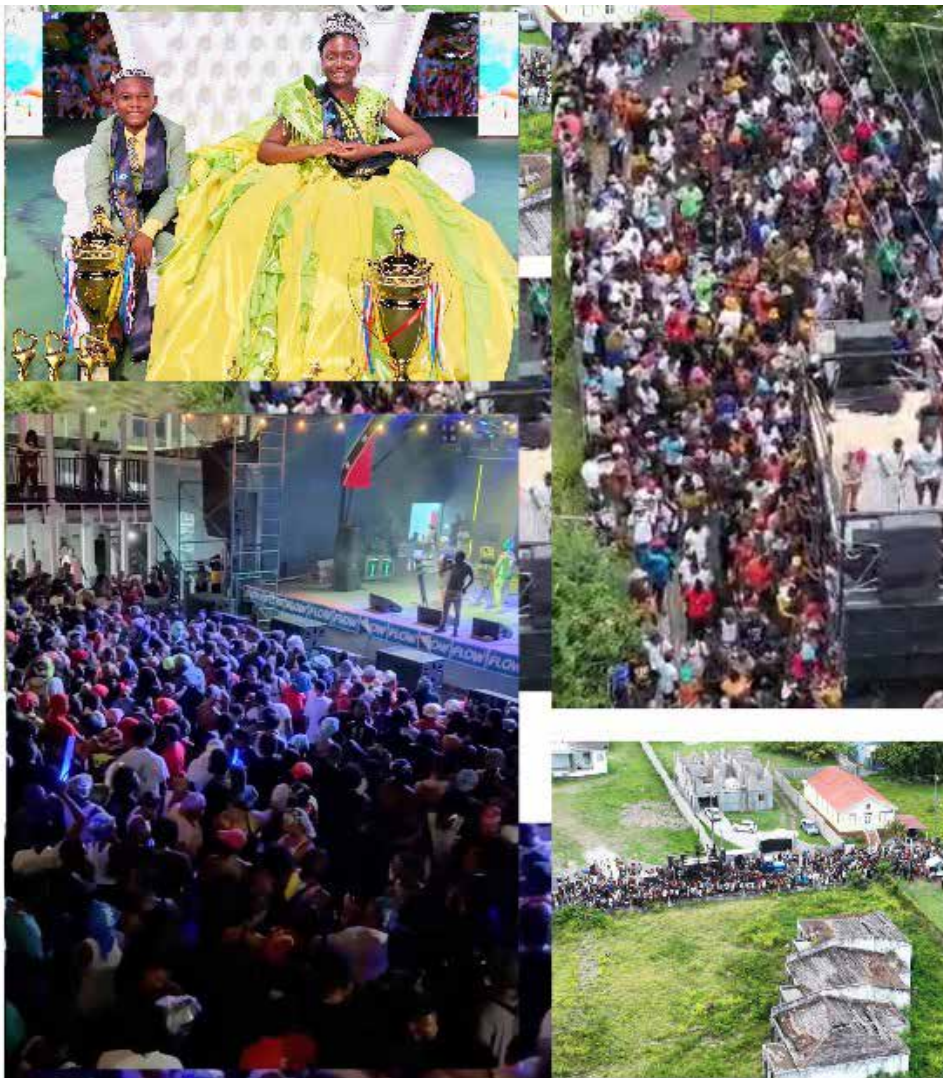
Premier Mark Brantley hosted Dr. Julius Garvey for lunch at the Golden Rock Botanical Gardens, where he presented him with a gift bag containing locally made memorabilia.

Dr. Garvey's visit to Nevis was a highlight of his Federation-wide tour and marks a powerful continuation of the Garveyite legacy- one that continues to inspire generations with its emphasis on cultural pride, youth empowerment, and African unity.

On Wednesday, August 6, Dr. Garvey participated in the Remembrance Ceremonies retracing the historic footsteps of Marcus Garvey. The events were held at Pump Bay, Fig Tree, and the Mutual Improvement Society Building, Market Street, where Dr. Garvey delivered the keynote address as the distinguished guest speaker.

Dr. Garvey's presence in Nevis served as a poignant reminder of the enduring influence of Marcus Garvey and his call for self-determination and unity among African peoples worldwide.



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The St. Kitts and Nevis Fire and Rescue Services celebrated the graduation of its latest cohort of recruits.

Case Number :NEVHPB2025/0067

HIGH COURT
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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

A. D. 2025
(PROBATE)

In the Matter of an Application for Letters of Administration in the Estate of Berley Ronald Walwyn, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARCIA MICHELLE WALWYN, MARLEIGH ALEXIS LIBURD-WALWYN and ALEXA ROCHELLE LIBURD-WALWYN** all of Hard Times Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Nevis, the Lawful Widow and Children of the deceased, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the said applicants, the deceased having died on the 22nd day of December, 2024, intestate.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2025.

MORTON ROBINSON, L.P.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Filed by Maurisha Robinson of Morton Robinson, L.P., Upstairs Slack Building, Waterfront, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicants whose address for service is that of their Attorneys at Law.

NEVISIAN PRIDE!

SECOND TO NONE!

Stakeholders lauded for Culturama 51's resounding success

As the curtains close on the 51st staging of Nevis' premier cultural festival, Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), the Honourable Eric Evelyn, has expressed heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to the overwhelming success of Culturama 51.

Reflecting on the two-week celebration, Minister Evelyn praised the organizing committee and the quality of the festival's events.

"I want to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate the C51 Culturama committee for delivering what I would consider another quality festival. I'm personally very pleased with the way Culturama 51 unfolded. I think the shows were of a very high quality and generally well attended."

The Minister also extended congratulations to participants across all facets of the festival and to the many individuals and groups who made the festival a vibrant celebration of Nevisian culture.

"I also want to congratulate all of the winners and participants of the various shows and competitions. You did an excellent job and ensured that patrons could enjoy quality performances."

"Thanks to all of the revelers, all who attended the shows and participated in the street activities and all who were involved in any way in making sure that C51 was another success."

Acknowledging the critical role of public-private partnerships, Minister Evelyn expressed his gratitude to the sponsors.

"Thank you for coming onboard and partnering with the Nevis Island Administration and Culturama Committee so that we can host the Caribbean's greatest summer lime once again."

He also took time to salute the efforts of medical professionals and emergency responders who ensured the health and safety of all participants during the festival.

Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, also applauded the efforts of the Minister of Culture and his team, highlighting the smooth execution of events and the safe environment maintained throughout the celebrations.

"Special commendation must go to the Honourable Eric Evelyn, Minister of

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PHOTO COURTESY NIA

Dillon Simmonds (L) and Rodison Jeffers (C) left for the Federal Republic of Germany, this week, to begin an intensive three-year dual vocational training programme in electronics engineering.

Two young nationals pursuing 'Bachelor Professional' certification in Germany

Two young nationals of St. Kitts and Nevis, Mr. Dillon Simmonds and Mr. Rodison Jeffers, departed the Federation this week to begin an intensive three-year dual vocational training programme in electronics engineering in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Their journey marks the first cohort under a transformative agreement between St. Kitts and Nevis and the Chamber of Crafts in Flensburg, Germany. The initiative, championed by Prime Minister the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, is the first of its kind in the Federation and part of a broader commitment to expand technical education and global career pathways for Kittitian and Nevisian youth.

Both 20-year-old trainees have signed employment contracts with German companies based in Sylt and Niebüll. Over the next three years, they will pursue the prestigious 'Bachelor Professional' certification in electronics for energy and building technology. The programme follows Germany's acclaimed dual education model, combining paid, hands-on training with academic coursework at the Vocational School of the District of Nordfriesland.

Before their departure, Prime Minister Drew spoke personally with the young men, reminding them of the greater purpose behind their mission.

"This was a vision I carried with me even before entering government. I visited Germany in 2020 and said to myself, 'If I ever become Prime Minister, I want our people to be trained here.' Today, that vision becomes reality," said Dr. Drew. "In Germany, when you finish school, you are proficient. They have one of the best systems in the world—one that produces not just workers, but masters of their craft."

The students were selected through a competitive process coordinated by the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) and the Advanced Vocational Education Centre (AVEC). As part of their preparation, both Simmonds and Jeffers completed an intensive year-long German language programme, earning B1 certification, and took part in rigorous orientation sessions with visiting German facilitators. Prime Minister Drew also charged the students with serving as proud ambassadors of the Federation and role models for other young people across the region.

"You are going not just as students, but as symbols of what is possible when vision meets opportunity. Carry the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis high."

This groundbreaking partnership is expected to continue annually, with new cohorts being selected and trained in fields critical to national development. It reflects the Government's commitment to strengthening technical education, building a resilient workforce, and creating global career opportunities for its citizens—core pillars of the Sustainable Island State Agenda.

The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis extends its full support and best wishes to Mr. Simmonds and Mr. Jeffers as they embark on this important journey.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

SKBHPB2025/0092

IN THE ESTATE OF CECILE EURORA BURT a.k.a CECILE EURORA BURT FRANCIS late of Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne, in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis but domiciled at 2112 Kissimmee, Florida, USA, 34744 who died on the 23rd day of April, 2023, in the USA, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **KIMBERLY BROOKES** of 2112 Kissimmee, Florida, USA, 34744, for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the Daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 23rd day of April, 2023.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 30th day of July, 2025

Filed by Mitcham & Benjamin, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant. The Applicant's address for service in relation to this Application is: MITCHAM & BENJAMIN, New Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Telephone Number 465-2878.

SECOND PUBLICATION

Vibrant 'Independence 42' calendar unveiled

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis has launched its official Independence 42 Calendar of Activities. Under the inspiring theme "Perpetual Progress – A Sustainable Future in View: Independence 42," the calendar features over 40 events spanning sports, culture, dialogue and community spirit from August to October 2025.

The calendar opened solemnly on Friday August 1st with the MV Christena Disaster Memorial Service, honouring the past. September will include three very important occasions:

- National Heroes Day (Sept 16): Featuring community flag-raisings and national honours.
- Patriotic Day (Sept 18): A kaleidoscope of school treats, fairs, and cultural showcases.
- Independence Day (Sept 19): Ceremonial parades, national awards and the unifying "Toast to the Nation."

Highlights also include the CPL T20 Cricket series (Aug 14–21), the "Deep Roots, Strong Nation" Tree Planting Competition (Aug 30), the thought-provoking series "CONVERSATIONS" on food security, tourism and public health (Aug 20, 27; Sept 3, 10), and community favourites like the National Colours Days and the Caribbean Wellness Day Walk (Sept 13).

The calendar extends beyond September with the 19th Caribbean Week of Agriculture (Sept 29–Oct 3) and culminates in the Night of Dance (Oct 26). Families, diaspora and visitors are encouraged to participate in events like the National Service of Gratitude & Gospel Concert (Sept 14), National Fruit Day (Sept 15) and the Brimstone Hill Independence Run (Sept 27).

Marcus Garvey port marker unveiled at Pump Bay

In a moving tribute to one of the most influential Pan-African leaders of the 20th century, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, unveiled a commemorative port marker and memorial park in honour of the Rt. Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey on Wednesday morning, August 6, 2025. The event formed part of a larger Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the St. Kitts and Nevis National Commission for UNESCO and the Routes of Enslaved Peoples Committee.

The ceremony, held on the sacred shores of Pump Bay, once a thriving port and the exact location where Garvey arrived on November 2, 1937, brought together dignitaries, descendants, community members, and cultural performers to honour Garvey's enduring legacy. Among those in attendance was Dr. Julius Garvey, son of Marcus Garvey, who delivered his own poignant tribute.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Drew reflected on the historical and spiritual significance of Garvey's visit to St. Kitts nearly 90 years ago: "He arrived aboard the SS Lady Nelson, not as a conqueror, but as a messenger of purpose. He came with a vision, one that stirred the consciousness of our people and planted seeds of self-worth, pride, and possibility."

The Prime Minister praised Garvey's legacy as a global champion of Black liberation and emphasized the ongoing relevance of his teachings:

"Garvey's call to 'uplift ourselves by ourselves' still echoes in the work we do today to build a fairer, freer, more confident nation and region… This site, this living memory, stands as both a tribute and a torch, a tribute to a man who dared to believe in us and a torch that will light the minds of future generations."

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Dr. Terrance Drew
Prime Minister

The Pump Bay location holds deep cultural and historical significance, not only as the point of Garvey's arrival, but also as a symbol of community strength and resistance. Hosted by Mr. Arnold McIntosh in Sandy Point, Garvey's 1937 visit left a lasting impression on the Federation and inspired movements of racial pride and self-determination across the

COURTESY PHOTO

(L-R): Secretary General of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, H.E. Nerys Dockery; Senior Minister Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas; Her Excellency the Governor-General, Dame Marcella Liburd; Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew; Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the legendary Pan-Africanist, the Rt. Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Govt. reaffirms unchanged travel per diem policy amidst misinformation

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis last Wednesday (July 30) confirmed that the Travel Per Diem Policy for Government Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and other public officers remains unchanged since its establishment in 2008 (Ministry of Finance Circular No. 09/2008). The clarification addressed persistent false claims circulating in the public domain.

The 2008 policy continues to govern all official travel expenditures:

- Ministers of Government: Receive a fixed allowance of EC$100 per day (within the OECS) and US$100 (EC$270) per day (outside of the OECS region).
- Permanent Secretaries & Ambassadors: Receive EC$350 per day for CARICOM travel and EC$425 per day for non-CARICOM travel.
- Other Civil Servants: Receive EC$300 per day (CARICOM) and EC$350 per day (non-CARICOM).

The policy further stipulates reduced rates for travel exceeding 14 days and prohibits per diems for fully sponsored trips.

The Government in a statement expressed its concern over repeated allegations—including the "categorically false claim that ministers receive US$1,000 daily", which it said, misrepresents public expenditure.

"Such misinformation erodes trust and distorts factual discourse. The public is urged to verify information through official channels (for example, St. Kitts and Nevis Information Service (SKNIS), the Ministry of Finance, Attorney General's Chambers or the Information Commissioner. Additionally, the public can utilize the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act, 2024 (No. 18 of 2024), which guarantees public access to records and independent oversight by the Information Commissioner," the statement concluded.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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(PROBATE)

SKBHPB2025/0091

IN THE ESTATE OF WINIFRED ELAINE PENNYFEATHER a.k.a WINIFRED PAUL late of Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne, in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis who died on the 2nd day of October, 2021, in St. Kitts, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by OVILLA PAUL of Farms Site, Sandy Point, St. Kitts, for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the Daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2nd day of October, 2021.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

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SECOND PUBLICATION

Republic Financial Holdings Limited

REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

EXPRESSED IN MILLIONS OF UNITED STATES DOLLARS

	UNAUDITED THREE MONTHS ENDED		UNAUDITED NINE MONTHS ENDED		AUDITED YEAR ENDED
	Jun-30-25 US$Mn	Jun-30-24 US$Mn	Jun-30-25 US$Mn	Jun-30-24 US$Mn	Sept-30-24 US$Mn
Profit before taxation	107	105	339	323	450
Profit after taxation	84	81	257	250	340
Profit attributable to shareholders	73	71	225	221	300
Assets			19,304	17,717	17,744
Advances			11,005	9,818	10,074
Investment securities			3,097	3,185	3,071
Deposits and other funding instruments			16,022	14,693	14,650
Stated capital			143	141	141
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent			2,234	2,054	2,107
Information per share					
Earnings per share (US$)			$1.38	$1.36	$1.84
Dividends based on the results of the period			$0.32	$0.32	$0.85
Number of shares - average ('000)			162,969	162,953	163,007

In deriving the figures above, the Group's unaudited consolidated financial statements for 2025 and 2024 expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars were translated into United States dollars using the closing rate as at September 30, 2024 of TT$ / US$ 6.6806.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

For the nine-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Republic Financial Holdings Limited Group ("the Group") delivered continued strong performance. In an ever changing and challenging global operating environment, this steady and reliable performance is testament to the Group's resilience, strong diversified business model and prudent risk management practices.

The Group recorded profits after tax and non-controlling interest of $225 million for the period ended June 30, 2025, an increase of 1.7% compared to the same period in the prior year. The underlying performance of our core banking operations remained sound, with continued growth in net interest income and improved customer engagement across key markets. These outcomes are a testament to the strength of our franchise, the depth of our customer relationships, and the commitment of our teams across all subsidiaries.

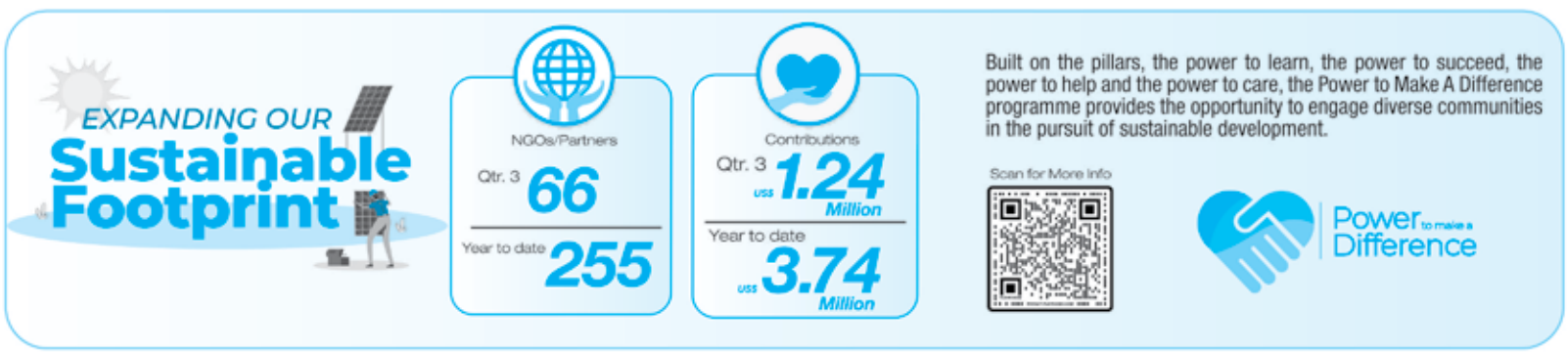
Our asset base remains robust, reinforced by strong capital positions and healthy liquidity buffers, which continue to support our long-term strategy and provide a solid foundation for sustainable growth. Our commitment to digital innovation and operational efficiency remains a priority, and we are progressing steadily on key initiatives aimed at enhancing the customer experience and improving cost structures. During the quarter, the Group initiated its Offer to acquire the remaining shareholding in Cayman National Corporation in the Cayman Islands. The Offer closed on July 29, 2025.

Based on these results, the Board of Directors has declared the third quarterly interim dividend for the year of $0.15 per share, payable on August 29, 2025, to shareholders on record at August 15, 2025.

While economic conditions remain fluid, we are confident in our ability to adapt and deliver long-term value. The Group will maintain its focus on operational efficiency, employee engagement, risk discipline, and delivering superior customer experiences as we continue to build a more agile and future-ready organisation.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our employees, customers, shareholders, and regulators for their continued support.

Vincent A. Pereira
Chairman
July 30, 2025



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Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, the Honourable Garth Wilkin, led the debate on the Industrial Designs Bill, 2025.

Historic Bill passed to empower creators, align SKN with global IP standards

The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis last Thursday (July 31) took a bold and historic step to empower its creative sector with the passage of the Industrial Designs Bill, 2025, the first legislation of its kind in the Federation. This landmark law establishes a modern legal framework that allows local designers, artisans, and entrepreneurs to formally protect the visual appearance of their original creations, positioning Saint Kitts and Nevis as a forward-looking nation in the global intellectual property arena.

Attorney General (AG) and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, the Honourable Garth Wilkin, led the debate and hailed the legislation as a foundational necessity for building a competitive, knowledge-based economy in line with the country's Sustainable Island State Agenda.

"This is a significant milestone in our journey to empower innovation, foster entrepreneurship, and align our legal architecture with international intellectual property norms," Attorney General Wilkin stated, adding that it ends 95 years of inequity and creates a modern platform for Kittitians and Nevisians to protect the products they design.

Industrial designs include elements such as shape, lines, colour, texture, and ornamentation of products ranging from fashion and jewelry to furniture, packaging, and game boards.

Previously, the only applicable law was the colonial-era United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act of 1930, which granted protection only to UK-registered designs. The new Bill repeals this outdated statute and establishes a local mechanism through which Kittitians and Nevisians can register their designs and secure legal protection.

"Consider the young Kittitian who developed a visually stunning and imaginative board game. His work was so impressive that it was referenced at our breakfast meeting with WIPO Director General Daren Tang in November 2023. Until now, that young man had no legal recourse if someone copied his work. With this Bill, he and others like him will be able to register and defend their designs both locally and globally," AG Wilkin asserted.

The honourable attorney general further noted that the Bill is particularly meaningful for the Orange Economy, which he described as a growing creative sector.

"These sectors represent an untapped growth engine, one that we must nurture with legal infrastructure," Attorney General Wilkin said.

By passing this Bill, Saint Kitts and Nevis also fulfills long-standing international obligations under key trade agreements, including the TRIPS Agreement and the CARIFORUM–EU Economic Partnership Agreement.

"Both require the legal protection of industrial designs. This Bill satisfies those obligations and finalises our country's accession to the Hague Agreement, which we did in July 2024," AG Wilkin explained.

Attorney General Wilkin emphasised that the Industrial Designs Bill, 2025, is not just about intellectual property, but rather it is about equity, opportunity, and building a more resilient and inclusive economy.

"As we continue to shape a modern and inclusive economy of this Sustainable Island State we envision, we must insist to our people that their intellect, skills, and creativity are viable pathways to prosperity," he stressed.

The Industrial Designs Bill, 2025, introduces a dual-pathway registration system for design protection. The first is by utilising a National Registration through the Intellectual Property Office in Basseterre, and second is through an International Registration via the Hague System administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), thereby giving local designers flexibility and access in protecting their designs domestically or internationally.

Case Number :SKBHCV2025/0032

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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT

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Registry of Titles — St. Christopher Circuit

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Certificate of Title, and noting thereon, caveats for the week ending the 4th day of October 2024.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request
4/10/24	VERNETTA HERBERT by her Solicitors, Hamilton & Co. of "Miriam House", #5 Lozac Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts	For the issue of First Certificate of Title to 5,000 square feet of land with hereditaments thereon situate at East Park Range, New Pond Site, in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or toward the North by lands of Lorenzo Pitt 100.00 feet; On or toward the East by lands of John Phillip 50.00 feet; On or toward the South by lands of Icen Wharton 100.00 feet and On or toward the West by a Public Road 50.00 feet

Dated the 9th day of July 2025

Registrar of Titles

Praying for protection during hurricane season

Nevis holds its annual interdenominational service

Government officials, religious leaders, and members of the public gathered recently for the annual ecumenical service to seek divine protection for Nevis and the wider region during the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

The interdenominational service, convened by the Nevis Christian Council and the Nevis Evangelical Association in collaboration with the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), was held at the New Testament Church of God in Bath Village, Charlestown.

Cabinet members of the NIA and other dignitaries joined pastors and clergy from various denominations who led heartfelt prayers for safety, strength, and guidance throughout the hurricane season.

In opening remarks, Pastor Eversley Pemberton welcomed attendees and reminded them of the purpose of the gathering.

"We join our hearts and minds and wills together to ask God's divine protection on us, on our islands, during the Atlantic Hurricane season. May this service help us as we continue to pray not only today, but throughout the season for God's protection."

Father Robert Ratajczak of the Catholic Church of Nevis offered a moving prayer invoking God's proven power to protect His people.

"As you preserved Noah in the Ark, as you calmed the storm for your disciples we trust in your power to protect us. May this season proclaim again that even the winds and the waves obey him."

Other religious leaders also offered intercessions for national recovery efforts, for the safety and wisdom of government and disaster officials, and for the resilience of emergency responders and the wider community.

Mr. Brian Dyer, Director of the Nevis Disaster Management Department, used the opportunity to educate attendees on the 2025 storm forecast and the importance of readiness. He shared that Colorado State University has predicted an above-average season, with 23 named storms, 11 hurricanes, and five of those likely to become major Category 3 or higher hurricanes.

He emphasized the increasing severity of tropical cyclones due to climate change, warning, "The national meteorological office has advised that as a result of the effects of climate change tropical cyclones have become stronger, thus impacting lives and livelihoods with more devastation.

"Prepare your homes and stock non-perishable food, survival kit and personal supplies well in advance, protect your loved ones and pets before, during and after any storm, and assist family, neighbours and the community in the event of disaster."

The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially runs from June 1 to November 30, with peak activity usually occurring between late August and September.

The NIA and religious leaders are encouraging the public to remain spiritually grounded and physically prepared as the season unfolds.

COURTESY PHOTO

Government officials, religious leaders, and members of the public gathered to seek divine protection for Nevis and the wider region during the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Case Number :NEVHPB2025/0066

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
(PROBATE)
A.D. 2025

In the Estate of LASHERNA KELLY-FRANCES late of Farms Estate in the Parish of St. Johns in the Island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DIETRICH FRANCES and T'YA KELLY both of Farms Estate in the Parish of St. Johns in the Island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicants who is the husband and daughter of the deceased, Lasherna Kelly-Frances late of Farms Estate in the Parish of St. Johns in the Island of Nevis who died intestate on the 10th June, 2024, in the Parish of St. Johns in the Island of Nevis.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the Publication of this Notice.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2025

Merchant

Merchant Legal Chambers
Legal Practitioners for the Estate of Lasherna Kelly-Frances, (deceased)

Filed by: Merchant Legal Chambers, Legal Practitioners for DIETRICH FRANCES and T'YA KELLY who's address for service is Upper Prince William Street, Charlestown, Nevis 1-869-469-6652(p) 1-869-469-1969 (f), Email: merchant@merchantlc.com .

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The well-attended commemorative service was held on the grounds of the Museum of Nevis History.

Nevis commemorates 55th anniversary of the MV Christena disaster

The island of Nevis held a solemn ceremony on Friday, August 1st, to mark the 55th anniversary of the MV Christena disaster, one of the most tragic maritime events in the history of the English-speaking Caribbean.

The commemorative service was held on the grounds of the Museum of Nevis History on Hunkins Drive in Charlestown and was attended by Her Honour Mrs. Hyleeta Liburd, Deputy Governor General and Mr. Elmo Liburd; the Honourable Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis and Mrs. Sharon Brantley; Members of the Nevis Island Assembly; members of the judiciary; officials from the Nevis Island Administration; survivors of the tragedy; and relatives of those who perished.

On Saturday, August 1, 1970, the MV Christena sank in the channel between St. Kitts and Nevis as it returned from Basseterre to Charlestown on its final voyage of the day. Of the more than 300 passengers on board, 233 lost their lives. The disaster remains deeply etched in the collective memory of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, impacting the lives of countless families.

Delivering heartfelt remarks at the service, Pastor Eversley Pemberton reflected on the enduring significance of the tragedy.

"We have come today to remember the 233 souls that were lost. We have come today to give thanks for the survivors. We have come together as we did that Saturday evening at the Charlestown pier under the iron shed in a service and lifted up our voices to God…We have come today to affirm our faith that God is our refuge and strength…and we say thank you Lord for comforting those who mourn."

The service included an invocation by Reverend Dr. Chirima Roberts, a scripture reading by Mr. Ira Jeffers, and a message delivered by Pastor Sean Simmonds. Survivors were recognized with commemorative pins during the programme, followed by the reading of the names of the deceased, and a moment of silence in honour of those who had passed.

Following the ceremony, wreaths were laid at the MV Christena memorial on the Charlestown waterfront by the Deputy Governor General, Premier Brantley, other dignitaries, and relatives of the victims. The monument, a place of quiet reflection, bears the inscription: "In loving memory of all those who lost their lives in the Christena disaster of August 1st, 1970, R.I.P."

The annual remembrance continues to serve as a symbol of collective grief, enduring faith, and the unbreakable spirit of the people of Nevis.

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier of Nevis, the Honourable Mark Brantley, lays a wreath at the MV Christena memorial after a service commemorating the 55th anniversary of the disaster on August 1.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025

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IN THE MATTER of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap. 10.19

And

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Lawson C. Merchant for the issuance of a new Certificate of Title to replace the lost Duplicate Certificate of Title registered in F3 Folio 140 of the Register of Titles in the St. Christopher Circuit

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **LAWSON C. MERCHANT** has applied through their Solicitors **GREY'S LEGAL CHAMBERS** to the Registrar of Titles under section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 for the issuance of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the one dated the 21st day of March 2006 and recorded in Register F3 Folio 140 of the Register of Titles of St. Christopher Circuit in favor of **LAWSON C. MERCHANT C/O YVONNE MERCHANT CHARLES** , the land contained in the said title being 6,659 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot No. 94 100.00 feet, On the East by a public road 57.09 feet, On the South-East by a Public Road 14.14 feet, On the South by a public road 90.00 feet and On the West by Lot No. 95 67.09 feet on the basis that the said duplicate Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify Grey's Legal Chambers, Pond Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Tel. No. (869) 466-9839 or via email: hasanimc42@gmail.com

Dated the 7th day of July , 2025

HJ McDonald

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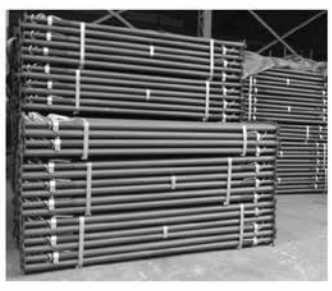

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people of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Two other important pieces of legislation – the Gaming Control (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Industrial Designs Bill, 2025 – were also passed last Thursday by the National Assembly.

The passage of the Gaming Control (Amendment) Bill, 2025 came just minutes after that of the National Lotteries Authority Bill, 2025.

"We are aligning ourselves with a modern, risk-based approach to regulation—one that distinguishes between private profit-making enterprises and public-benefit statutory bodies," Dr. Drew concluded.

With both Bills now passed, the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis has completed the legal foundation for launching the NLA, ensuring strong regulatory integrity while unlocking new revenue streams for the public's benefit.

The amendment introduces a new subsection (4) into Section 18 of the Gaming Control Act (Cap. 17.01), which exempts the National Lotteries Authority and its licensed operators from the annual gaming licence renewal process normally required for private entities. This allows the Gaming Commission to issue a multi-year licence to the NLA.

Prime Minister Drew explained that while private gaming operators must undergo detailed annual licence renewal, including updated due diligence, shareholder disclosures, and employee verifications, such requirements are unnecessary for a statutory public authority like the NLA, which is already subject to a robust framework of financial reporting, ministerial oversight, and parliamentary accountability under its enabling legislation.

Dr. Drew reaffirmed that the Gaming Commission retains full regulatory authority over the National Lotteries Authority. This includes monitoring for anti-money laundering compliance, systemic risk mitigation, and overall integrity of the gaming sector.

"The Commission continues to play a vital role in ensuring compliance with anti-money laundering laws, financial probity, and systemic risk mitigation—even in relation to the NLA," the prime minister emphasised. "What this amendment does is streamline procedural oversight, not remove it."

PRIDE

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Culture, whose exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication ensured that Culturama 51 was a resounding success. I wish to express heartfelt thanks to our security forces for their outstanding work in maintaining peace and order throughout the Culturama 51 celebrations."

The Premier further praised the strong turnout and continued regional support for Nevis' signature event.

"I also extend deep appreciation to the thousands of patrons who came out in their numbers to support the various events, and to our brothers and sisters from St. Kitts and Nevis who continue to show unwavering support for our festival year after year. Your presence and participation help keep our culture alive."

Culturama 51 was celebrated under the theme "Nevisian Pride! Second to None! Culturama 51!" from July 24 to August 05, 2025. Results from the festival's pageants, competitions, and street activities are available on the Nevis Culturama Facebook page.

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Small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular, will be eagerly looking to expand their reach and establish their brands beyond the Caribbean. The ripple effects will be felt across the economy. A thriving creative sector can drive job creation, stimulate exports, and diversify the economy.

While the passage of the Industrial Designs Bill is a significant achievement, its success will depend on effective implementation and widespread awareness. The government must ensure that stakeholders, including designers, businesses, and legal professionals, are educated about the new law and its implications. Public awareness campaigns, workshops, and collaborations with educational institutions can help bridge the knowledge gap and empower citizens to take full advantage of this legislation.

Additionally, the establishment of a well-resourced IP office will go a far way in administering and enforcing the provisions of the bill. Ensuring that local creators have access to affordable and highly efficient IP registration services will maximize the impact of this groundbreaking law.

This legislation is more than just a legal reform, it is a bold step toward realizing the untapped potential in our creative sector. It is imperative for all stakeholders to come together to ensure that the aspirations behind this bill are fully realized. Let there be no procrastination.

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