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Mayors of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Georgetown, Guyana sign MOU, making both Capitals Sister Cities

Port of Spain, Trinidad – Monday 7 November 2022.

Port of Spain and Georgetown are now Sister Cities. The capital cities of Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana strengthened bilateral ties at an official ceremony, which took place at the Port of Spain City Hall on Friday 4 November 2022.

The Mayors of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Georgetown, Guyana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Port of Spain City Corporation, following months of discussions between both government factions.

Following the signing of the three-year MOU between both nations, His Worship, The Mayor of Georgetown, Guyana, Pandit Ubraj Narine explained that its objective is to establish diplomatic relations and enhance mutual understanding, develop friendly relations, and promote joint and reciprocal cooperation between the cities.

Mayor Narine further indicated that he is confident the MOU will forge a closer relationship between the Caribbean countries.

“We (Guyana) now have an Oil and Gas economy, where we need the specialists, and the specialists are in Trinidad and Tobago. I believe this MOU will bring oneness between both countries,” he affirmed during his speech.

Mayor Narine, who was accompanied on the official State Visit by Ms. Candace Nelson, Acting Town Clerk of the Municipality of Georgetown, Guyana as well as his 5-year-old daughter, Daamine, said ideas in culture, health, trade, tourism, education, and economics will also be agreed upon. He strongly encouraged local Councillors to put the MOU into action.

His Worship, The Mayor of Port of Spain, Alderman Joel Martinez said the recently-signed MOU will be beneficial to both Caribbean countries.

“Both Port of Spain and Georgetown acknowledge that our cities - which possess similar cultures and goals - would benefit tremendously from partnership in the areas which affect citizens the most. Namely, health, education, trade tourism and culture. I believe the beneficiary will be the people of the city of Port-of-Spain and the city of Georgetown,” he said.

Both Mayors agreed that the MOU is an opportunity for Port of Spain and Georgetown to grow together. Port of Spain is now the sister city of St Catherine’s in Ontario, Canada; Atlanta,



Georgia, USA; Morne a L'eau in Guadeloupe; Kingston in Jamaica, Yeosu, South Korea and most recently on October 28, Kumasi Ghana.

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His Worship, the Mayor of Port of Spain, Alderman Joel Martinez (right) sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with His Worship, the Mayor of Georgetown, Pandit Ubraj Narine at the Port of Spain City Corporation, Trinidad.



Members of the Port of Spain City Council join the Mayors of Port of Spain and Georgetown, alongside the CEO of the Port of Spain City Corporation, Mrs. Annette Stapleton-Seaforth (in white) and Daaminee Narine, daughter of the Mayor of Georgetown.



The Mayor of Georgetown, Guyana, Pandit Ubraj Narine.



His Worship, the Mayor of Port of Spain, Alderman Joel Martinez (right) display the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with His Worship, the Mayor of Georgetown, Pandit Ubraj Narine at the Port of Spain City Corporation, Trinidad.



Ms. Candace Nelson, Acting Town Clerk of the Municipality of Georgetown, Guyana.

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