

DISTINGUISHED DIASPORA ACADEMIA TO DELIVER PRESENTATIONS AT UG's DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Dr. Fitzgerald Yaw, Chairman of the University of Guyana's Planning Committee for the Diaspora Engagement Conference has confirmed that several eminent Guyanese will be making presentations at the six days of meetings.

President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, His Excellency David Arthur Granger will deliver the Keynote Address on Monday, July 24 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel, Providence, East Bank Demerara.

The Welcome and occasion will be delivered by Professor Ivelaw Griffith, Vice Chancellor and Principal of U.G.

The Opening session will include presentations entitled "Voices from the Dias-

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pora and the Homeland. These will be presented by Dr. Dhanpaul Narine of the New York City Department of Education; Dr. Indsrianna Minto-Coy, Mona School of Business, University of the West Indies; Mr. Chat Bowling, Director, Guyana Diaspora Inc. from Russia and Dr. Raquel Thomas-Caesar, Director Resource Management and Training, IWOKRAMA International Centre for Rainforest Conversation and Development, Guyana.

There will also be two Cultural presentations to be performed by visiting Dis-

tinguished Artists-in-residence Keith Waithe and the Renaissance Performers.



Professor Ivelaw Griffith

However, on the previous evening, His Excellency David Granger will host a Welcome Reception at the Ramada Hotel.

Planning Committee Chairman Dr. Yaw, has indicated that the University will waive the late registration fee for participants from the Diaspora. He indicated that the decision was taken following several re-

quests from interested persons wishing to attend the conference, but could not confirm their attendance earlier due to previous commitments.

Two Plenary sessions will follow the opening sessions and on the succeeding days, with each session divided in into two, thus allowing greater involvement in the wide variety of topics to be presented.

Among the topics to be presented are: "Insights for a Guyanese Diaspora Policy"; "Towards a Multi-Dimensional Process of Diaspora Engagement"; "The Diaspora Challenges"; "The Private Hindu College Best Practices in Diaspora Engagement" and "Diaspora Engagement for Tourism Growth in the Caribbean with emphasis on Tobago".

Hon. Carl B. Greenidge, Guyana's Second Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs will deliver an address on "Guyana's Diaspora Engagement Strategy", while Hon. David Lammy, MP of the British House of Commons is also scheduled to deliver an address.

Other keynote speakers include His Excellency Ivan Roberto Sierra Medel, Ambassador of Mexico to Guyana; Ms. Gail Teixeira, Opposition Member of Parliament and Mr. Glen Khan, Chairman of the LAPARKAN Group of Companies.

In summary, the DEC will have forty-



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two (42) papers presented, in addition to five (5) Keynote Addresses and two Video Messages.

The Diaspora being represented are from American States: Arizona, New York, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Washington and Maryland.

Also attending from other countries represented are Canada, United Kingdom, Nigeria, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

On Friday, July 28, the official Investiture of the Vice Chancellor and Principal, Professor Ivelaw Griffith will be held at the Turkeyen Campus at 4 O'clock.