

SENATOR THE HON. PAULA GOPEE-SCOON,
MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

SPONSOR REMARKS *FOR “INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN...T&T
OWNED COMPANY OF THE YEAR” AWARD*

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The National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA)

Salutations

- Mr. Randall Karim, Permanent Secretary the Ministry of Trade & Industry
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps
- Ms. Kiran Maharaj, President of T&T Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- Members of the Board of Directors of the T&T Chamber
- Distinguished Awardees & Finalists
- Sponsors
- Members of the media
- Other specially invited guests
- Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

Good evening,

It is a privilege to be here tonight as we celebrate the powerhouses that are reshaping the business landscape in Trinidad and Tobago. I commend the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TTCIC) for its dedication to celebrating the remarkable achievements of these visionaries and vanguards.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry is proud to once again sponsor the *“Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year”* award, as we recognize the recipient for their perseverance and outstanding performance locally, regionally and internationally. This award exemplifies the spirit of international success, reflecting the ingenuity and talent that characterize Trinidad and Tobago on the global stage.

It aligns with the MTI’s ethos, particularly our focus on helping businesses to expand their reach overseas. Through targeted initiatives, we aim to enhance export capacity, expand market access, promote local products abroad and ultimately bolster your success internationally.

Thriving in the business world calls for more than innovative ideas and hard work; it requires resilience against inevitable challenges, and the flexibility to navigate a constantly evolving market. I can confirm that the contenders in this award category have demonstrated just this with the winner just inching ahead of the race.

Tonight, we are honoring a company that is spicing-up the world with our islands' unique flavour, taking our quality and culture across borders. We celebrate this company's extraordinary achievement in positioning itself within the international environment while elevating the reputation of our country's local products.

This awardee's continuous pursuit of excellence is evident in their product diversification efforts, now offering over 100 unique items and expanding into new markets in the Caribbean, the USA, Canada, and the United Kingdom, all while making substantial investments in infrastructure and strategic partnerships to strengthen its global presence.

It is with great confidence that we are delighted to recognize this company as the well-deserving recipient of this year's

“Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year” Award.

I applaud all of tonight's visionaries and vanguards whose accomplishments inspire us and remind us that the pursuit of excellence in business knows no bounds.

I also commend all of the contenders for this category and congratulate tonight's recipient.

Thank you.