



Republic Bank Address

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- √ Mr. Phillip Da Silva, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Guyana
- √ Other Representatives of the University of Guyana Administration
- √ Directors, Management and staff of Republic Bank
- √ Students
- √ Specially invited guests
- √ Members of the media

Good morning. We are indeed pleased that you could join us for today's launch of the 2014 Republic Bank Career Coach - a programme of developmental workshops aimed at enabling prospective graduates to better ready themselves for the world of work.

Republic Bank first introduced this initiative in 2008 to fill a much-needed gap in the level of preparedness of new graduates for entry, to pursue their career of choice.

This programme is one of other areas of partnership we share with the University of Guyana under our flagship social outreach initiative – The Power to Make a Difference.

In response to a national need for better prepared and informed applicants, we believe that Republic Bank Career Coach offers the workshop participants the Power to Succeed in preparing their applications, acing job interviews, and integrating into their work environment of choice.

To date, over three hundred final year University Students have participated in these workshops and I am pleased to announce that over seventy students are registered this year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you will agree, that critical to national development, and the advancement of Guyanese is a capable and efficient workforce. Hence, we see Republic Bank as having an obligation to ensure such development by equipping the participants with the requisite level of awareness, knowledge and skills to propel their careers.

Career Coach 2014 comprises two themes - *Marketing Yourself* - which will be today's focus, while tomorrow's will be *Understanding the Working World*.

As indicated on the programme, sessions will address Professional Image, Résumé Preparation, Interview Skills, Time Management, Money Management, Labour Laws and Policies, and Occupational Health and Safety. At the end of each presentation, participants will have the opportunity to interact with facilitators to gain further insight.

Our goal is to ensure that upon completion, participants leave better equipped and confident about making a difference in their respective vocational pursuits. In order to achieve this, we have partnered with a team of experienced local professionals, who are both enthused and keen about this outreach.

Today, participants will interact with a member of our Board of Directors, Mrs. Yolande Foo; Ms. Joyce Sinclair – Management and Training Consultant; Ms. Bonita Hunter and

Mrs. Coreen Jacobs-Chester – University of Guyana Lecturers; Dr. Ken Hunte, retired University Lecturer and Educator, and Mrs. Jannis London, who heads Republic Bank’s Training and Development Centre.

Participants, you are encouraged to remain after today’s opening ceremony as the workshop sessions commence immediately after the break. There is an interesting mix in store, and at the conclusion of today’s workshop, you will be afforded a practical interview. That having been said, you will not want to miss tomorrow’s sessions, and at the conclusion of which certificates of participation will be distributed.

Ladies and gentlemen, I close by affirming that Republic Bank holds fast to the commitment that we are stewards of our nation’s prosperity, and with the vision of fostering dedication, professionalism and integrity, we can pave the way for engendering the culture of excellence to which we aspire. We encourage you to maximize this opportunity.

Thank you.