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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## 2010 GUYANA AWARDS (CANADA) YOU'RE INVITED TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS

The Guyana Awards Council (Canada) and the Consulate General of Guyana in Toronto invite the Guyanese community in Canada to submit nominations for the prestigious Guyana Awards (Canada) by February 14, 2010. The Guyana Awards celebrate the highest levels of achievement and excellence by Guyanese in Canada.

The Guyana Awards (Canada), under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Guyana, promotes excellence and positive role models within the Guyanese Diaspora. Initiated in 2000 as part of the Guyana Independence celebrations, the Guyana Awards (Canada) are held under the patronage of Mr. Danny Doobay, Honorary Consul General of Guyana in Toronto to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations in the Guyanese community toward the promotion and development of Guyana, Guyanese heritage and culture, and the achievement of excellence. The honorees also provide positive role models for the new generation of Guyanese in Canada, ultimately contributing to social cohesion, community development, integration and overall human development in Canada and Guyana. The 2010 Guyana Awards be presented to honorees at the annual Guyana Awards Gala, scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

The deadline to submit your Guyana Award nominations is **February 14, 2010**.

### **Award Categories**

Nominations can be submitted in the following categories: Leadership, Business Excellence, Academic Excellence, Special Achievement, Lifetime Achievement, Community Service (Individual), Community Service (Organization), Youth, Culture and Media, and Community Development (non-Guyanese).

Please contact the Guyana Consulate at 416-494-6040, Ext. 23 for Award Nomination forms and additional information. A complete portfolio of forms and information can also be downloaded from: <http://www.guyanaconsulate.com>.

### **Selection Process**

A panel of independent judges, consisting of respected individuals from within the Guyanese Community in Canada, will evaluate all Award Nominations and select the winners. Among the guiding criteria for selection will be: effective leadership, locally or nationally; significant and lasting impact; inspiring actions that were or could be duplicated in other communities; innovation and superior performance; impact on Guyana and the Guyanese community in Canada; ability to serve as a national role model or spokesperson; and strong moral character that includes integrity, sincerity, credibility and commitment.



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### Select Past Guyana Awards Recipients

- Judge Vibert Lampkin – Lifetime Achievement
- Dr. Bhudendra Doobay – Leadership
- Hon. Ovid Jackson – Special Achievement
- Ken Singh, Atlas Cargo – Business Excellence
- Frank Fernandes – Leadership
- Dr. Hazel Anne Campayne – Lifetime Achievement
- Norman Sue – Business Excellence
- Pride News Magazine, Michael Van Cooten – Media
- Dr. Suresh Narine – Special Achievement
- Cecil Moore – Lifetime Achievement
- Eric Rodrigues – Business Excellence
- Ron Fanfair – Media
- Dr. Vivian Rambihar – Community Service (Individual)
- Guyana Burn Care Unit – Community Service (Organization)
- Dr. Vishnudutt Chris Lakhan – Academic Excellence
- Desmond & Joan deBarros – Community Service (Individual)
- Tricia Punit – Youth Academic Excellence
- Ned Blair – Community Service (Individual)
- Last Lap Lime – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Pioneer Fund Raising Group – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Christian Charities – Community Service (Organization)
- Peel Guyanese Association – Community Service (Organization)
- Guyana Canada Cultural Association (Calgary) – Community Service (Organization)

### For further information, please contact:

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***Guyana Scholarships:*** *Building on its mandate, the Guyana Awards Council has also created a National Scholarship program, dedicated to supporting and promoting the achievements of academic excellence by students of Guyanese heritage pursuing post-secondary education in Canada. This National Scholarship program was formally launched in 2008. This monetary scholarship program is offered to students of Guyanese heritage who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll, in a full-time degree, diploma or certificate program no later than Fall 2010 at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of high academic achievement, financial need and community involvement, and will be paid upon receipt of certification of enrollment from the post-secondary institution.*

**NOTE:** **Separate application form is required for the Guyana Scholarships.** Please downloaded from: <http://www.guyanaconsulate.com>.

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