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Chamber Partnership with Barbados Youth Business Trust forges Industry Captains of Tomorrow

If a computer gives information – it can only do so when told or can access the data placed there, but a human can be taught to make better computers, in this manner – it is up to the Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry (**BCCI**) to properly mentor entrepreneurs of the Barbados Youth Business Trust (**BYBT**) so to create better Business people for generations ahead.

This belief was stated recently by Mr Lalu Vaswani, Chairman of the BCCI's Bridgetown Revitalisation Project, while addressing participants at the launch of the BYBT's celebration of Global Entrepreneurship with a month-long exhibition of products and services at the Bridgetown Satjay Business Centre.

Mr Vaswani, in showing the importance of creating opportunities, also cited the instance where one of the occupants of the Satjay Centre started in what used to be a garage when the place was a commercial centre.

In the space of eight years, the initial store eventually expanded to three branches, with the City outlet now occupying a space of one thousand square feet at Satjay, yet initially the entrepreneur was reluctant to expand his operation.

The Bridgetown Revitalisation Chairman says this just goes to show when one nurtures your enterprise, then the harvesting is a massive growth if one is patient.

Executive Director Marcia Brandon told the intimate gathering; – BYBT continues to develop Barbados’ young artist entrepreneurs with the intention of elevating them to positions of community leaders, creative catalysts and artistic revolutionaries. In other words, the BYBT sees these young entrepreneurs as artist-citizens. They want to assist these artist entrepreneurs to become “**Intellectual entrepreneurs**” who view their minds as sources of inspiration and change, thus bringing about economic and social development in our society.

Chamber member – Gregory Hazzard of Mahy-Ridley-Hazzard Engineers – is also a member of the BYBT’s board, he sees entrepreneuring as a means of preventing financial hardship. Nevertheless he reminded the audience that harvesting the results of those efforts is not instantaneous.

Jewellery both Natural and Semi-Precious, along with Art of different styles, and Event Planning for work or play are just some of the businesses on show until Independence Day at the building behind Cave Shepherd.

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