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## 115 Naturalised as British Overseas Territories Citizens

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115 persons are now British Overseas Territories Citizens following two (2) ceremonies held at Government House on June 16 and 17.

During the ceremonies, the newly naturalised individuals heard congratulatory remarks from His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Daniel Pruce, Acting Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser, RA, and Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro.

Governor Pruce reminded the celebrants that Naturalisation is an enriching process from which the Virgin Islands gains during his remarks. He expressed that the intermingling of cultures and ways of thinking brings benefits that will reach the entire community.

Governor Pruce said, "The shared values in our community include respect and concern for others who are less fortunate, or simply those who are considered to be different. Perhaps, when you first came here, you felt different yourself. But, as the Bible reminds us, you shall love the stranger, for you were once strangers in the land."

Acting Premier, Honourable Julian Fraser welcomed the individuals to the Virgin Islands family. He shared that he was overjoyed to see individuals who have contributed to the success of the Virgin Islands reach this pivotal milestone in their lives.

Meanwhile, Registrar General, Mrs. Tashi O'Flaherty-Maduro said, "As you take on the honour of becoming British Overseas Territories Citizens, you are now entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and respect the rule of law, to contribute to the peace, order, and good governance of our society, and to act with integrity in all that you do."

Mrs. O'Flaherty-Maduro added, "Our community thrives when its citizens takes seriously their duty to obey the law, to hold themselves accountable and to treat others with fairness and dignity. It is also a reminder that citizenship comes with the privilege of participation, having a voice in the future of your community, and a responsibility to help protect and preserve the very things that make these islands special, our culture, our sense of community, our peaceful way of life and the legacy we will leave for the next generation."

Naturalisation is the process under the British Nationality Act, 1981, that allows individuals who have met the criteria, to become British Overseas Territories Citizens.

The 115 new British Overseas Territories Citizens are:

Angelia Regenia Abbensetts

Dailia Arondell Arondia Alexander

Juan Daniel Ramirez Alvarez

Lenin Michel Peguero Amadiz

Shernette Baldy

Charn Monica Theresa Dublin- Benn

Habahkuk Emmanuel Benn

Blanchette Rudolph Bloice

Merlyn Jessica Brown

Hayden Valentine Chance

Aligino Kengino Charles

Audrice L. A. Francois-Charles

Fate Michelle Bernedette Charles

Walter Alexander Charles

Eda Charles

Yijun Chen

Sharon Annmarie Morgan Cyrus

Romano Shane David

Kimberly Tonian Drummonds

Shanna Yvonda Shannica Dublin

Florisca Dupuis

Clenia Rafaela Herrera De Faulkner

Kelly-Ann April Fortune

Brenda Angella Francis

Carmen Mae Francis

Elaine Grant Francis

Chandralakah Gansaw

Kumar Gansaw

Dianna Adelice Semonita George

Joycelyn Jessica Gordon

Charmaine Mercedes Hamilton

Kayon Harper

Melica Camille De-Grilla Harrigan

Berthelina Henry

Jude Roger Henry

Maria Altagracia Vidal Herrera

Iman Husein

Gawain Sean James

Roslyn Iyna Samuel-John

Linda Johnson

Kadeema R. Hernandez Johnney

Everest Peter Joseph

Kumarie Ajodia Karran

Navin Karran

Preta Devi Karran

Dequan Donnicks Latouche

Ann Marie Lawrence

Ellanando Jeremiah Levy

Anthony Lewis

Hyacinth Veronica Lewis

Anne Alix Linton

Charles Anthony Luckham

Dhanmattie Luckham

Vincent Maglorie

Juliette Hypolite Mc Call

Lesroy Shandell Simmons

Natakie Kysha S. Douglas Simmons

Huifang Wu

Juan Cecilio Vanterpool Acosta

Paula Melrose Ajarie

Curt Alexander Archibald

Aline Catherine Henry-Chastenet

Desiree Ina Laureen Daniels

Rennicks Claudius Etienne

Valda John John Baptiste-Etienne

Jose Alejandro Alcala Faulkner

Marbelly Anavelly Daniel Garcia

Yeiby Shamil Daniel Garcia

Sharon Claudine Henry

Marlyn Patricia Holder

Newtol Dexter Sylvester Holder

Sylvia Rose Lenore Alexander-James

Jeremy Finbar Jeremiah

Pamella Locelia Lewis-Johnson

Indar Karran

Winnette Alexis Lawrence

Deborah Isabelle Leslie

Dalma Checo Lopez

Samantha Adella McFarlane-Martin

Cristian Antonio Rymer Mason

Sallian Avalon Mc Millan

Nadine Melody Mitchell

Shirley Rosanna Sanchez Neddall

Daniel Augustus Oconnor

Colin Kevin Ollivierre

Anthony Ian Palmer

Sonia Palmer

Wayne Junior Palmer

Mayra Esther Paulino Paulino

Noel Aldonso Hernandez Pena

Lindsay Fitz Herbert Pereira

Neckisea Daciea Pickering

Keila Virginia Rabsatt

Arona Maureen Ragunath

Brynley Brooke Argast-Rathbun

Sydney Michael Richardson

Sidann Candice Walker-Roach

Rosanna Elizabeth Rodriguez

Dominga Ruiz

Chris Anthony Shaw

Denise Sandy Shipley

Peter Dave Sinclair

Raphael Anthony Singh

Shameena Anjoli Singh

Clifford Arnold Stoddard

Mereen Mary Stoddard

Vielka Del Carmen Soto Thomas

Bhem Tillack

Nurys Melania Paulino Vanterpool

Andrea Allison Walters

Deniston Alista Dillon Williams

Desmond Damion Lebert Williams

James Livian Williams

Merell Garricks-Williams

Faustina Ynold Pipe-Wyllie

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