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Over 15,000 Book Enthusiasts Welcome MV Logos Hope During Highly Successful Inaugural Virgin Islands Visit

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The Premier's Office reports a highly successful visit by MV Logos Hope, the world's largest floating bookfair, to the Virgin Islands from 24-29 October 2025, where over 15,000 residents, including authors, seniors, and other book enthusiasts, seized the historic first opportunity to welcome the ship to the Territory.

The MV Logos Hope is a voyage-based library featuring over 5,000 titles covering Christian literature, health, fitness, general knowledge, and a selection of children's books. An international crew and staff of volunteers from around 60 countries live and work on the ship. They promote literacy and education, cross-cultural cooperation and social awareness, and reflect God's compassion for the world in the ports and countries they visit.

Their visit to the Virgin Islands was a collaborative effort between the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Rotary Club, and the BVI Tourist Board. Other supporting agencies included the Deputy Governor's Office, BVI Ports Authority, Customs and Immigration, and the Department of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

Deputy Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Heida Selwood, confirmed that about 1300 elementary and secondary students explored the ship, including the steel pan band and concert participants. Another 200 preschoolers also enjoyed a memorable visit.

While in the Virgin Islands, crew of the MV Logos Hope participated in community activities in conjunction with the Rotary Club. They assisted with electrical work at the Enis Adams Primary School, maintained the water coolers at Ebenezer Thomas Primary School, joined in a health fair at the Leonora Delville Primary School, and helped with repairing benches at Crafts Alive Market.

Past President, Rotary Club of Road Town, Mr. Anthony Clarke, stated: "The Rotary Club of Road Town was honoured to be part of the Logos Hope's inaugural visit to the Virgin Islands. As an organisation committed to service, education, and community development, we saw this partnership as an opportunity to inspire our youth, promote literacy, and strengthen cultural exchange. The ship's visit aligns perfectly with Rotary's mission of creating hope in the world by connecting people through learning, compassion, and shared experiences."

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office, Dr. Lavon Chalwell-Brewley, who chaired the planning committee, said: "We are extremely happy with the turnout; the people of the Virgin Islands were so very welcoming. Truly the message that MV Logos Hope seeks to spread to the world - knowledge, help and hope - was received in the Virgin Islands through the way the public interacted with them, their engagement with the schools and churches, the selling of books, and the community service they rendered."

Dr. Chalwell-Brewley lauded the efforts of everyone who came together to make this visit a most memorable one. She noted that the visitors were pleased to leave with a commemorative stamp in their passports, compliments the Department of Immigration.

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