



Roger Roach appointed 67th President of the TTMA

April 4th 2023, Port of Spain- Roger Roach has been appointed as President of the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association (TTMA), taking over from Ms. Tricia Coosal who held the position from 2021 to 2022. Roger Roach assumed the position of President following the organization's 2023 Annual General Meeting which was held at the Hyatt Trinidad today.

Roger Roach is the 67th President since the organization's inception in 1956. He was re-elected to the TTMA Board of Directors in April 2020, and currently serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Export Marketing Committee. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Infrastructure and Productivity Committees. He served previously from 2013 to 2017 and during this period, he Chaired the Cabinet Appointed Standing Committee on Trade and Related Matters and the Advocacy Committee.

Mr. Roach also serves as a Director on the Boards of LRI Holdings Limited, Evolving Technologies and Enterprise Development Company Limited (eTeck) and Vanguard Hotel Limited.

In his inaugural address to the membership, Mr. Roach stated, "The state of our manufacturing sector is resilient and robust. We are made up of innovators and problem solvers."

Mr. Roach addressed some of the challenges that are needed to create an enabling environment for businesses. He touched on the RIC and VAT refunds, with an invitation to "engage in meaningful collaboration, resolution orientation negotiations", giving the TTMA's commitment to engage in this regard.

Mr. Roach took the opportunity to bring attention to illicit trade, ideas for the expansion of EXIM Bank's offerings while highlighting the importance and need for the operationalisation of the SME Loan Programme and encouraging the T&T Securities and Exchange Commission to give priority to proposed amendment to the listing rules to allow manufacturers to engage meaningfully with the Junior Stock Exchange.

Mr. Roach's address was followed by a panel discussion on "Trade and Connectivity", which he moderated with panelists: Mr. Dominic Hadeed- Executive Chairman, Blue Waters Products Limited; Mr. Richard Pandohie- Group CEO, Seprod Group of Companies; Mr. Ashley Taylor- CEO, PLIPDECO and Mr. Shaun Rampersad- CEO, RAMPS Logistics Limited.

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