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Event: 20th Anniversary of SPA – Thanksgiving Ceremony

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PRESS RELEASE

The Seychelles Ports Authority Proudly Marks 20 Years

In commemoration of its 20th anniversary, the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) hosted a heartfelt Thanksgiving Ceremony on 14th October 2024 in honour of two decades of growth, innovation and commitment to supporting the nation’s economy and global trade.

Since its establishment in 2004, the authority has played a pivotal role in transforming the nation’s ports into a remarkable maritime and logistics hub.

Founded with the vision of modernising and expanding the country’s port infrastructure, SPA has grown from overseeing a handful of maritime facilities to managing a network of ports across the country. Under its stewardship, the nation’s shipping efficiency and capacities have grown exponentially and its main terminal now handle masses of containers annually.

The Thanksgiving Ceremony, led by Deacon Aubrey Pon-Waye, rallied together Board members, management and numerous staff members of the Authority to give thanks and reflect on the invaluable contributions of each. The ceremony began with an opening remark from the Chief Executive, Mr Sony Payet who expressed gratitude for SPA’s continued success spanning over the two decades.

Reflecting on this milestone, CEO Payet also underlined the importance of remaining grateful and appreciative of all those who have dedicated years of service and hard work.

The Seychelles Defence Forces’ National Brass Band was also present to accompany the melodic hymns and chants during the ceremony and several long-serving staff members received blessings from Deacon Pon-Waye as well for their outstanding commitment and perseverance in the line of duty.

The event also paid tribute to former SPA staff who have deceased but whose contributions have helped shaped the ever-growing global trade hub. This was done with the yearly tradition of tossing flowers at sea for the departed; a symbolic gesture done at the Commercial Port’s quayside.

As SPA reflects on its history and prepares for the future, this Thanksgiving ceremony stands as a reminder of the importance of gratitude, teamwork, and the unwavering dedication of all those who have contributed to its legacy of excellence.