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An Act of Heroism

One of SPA's newly recruited Security Officer was bestowed with a token of appreciation for his fast response in administering first aid to a tourist who had been involved in a near-drowning incident at the Mahe Quay on 01st May 2024.

Mr José Cadeau, who had been working with SPA for only two months when the incident happened, was recognised in a short ceremony held at the Seychelles Ports Authority's conference room on Friday 10th May 2024 in the presence of the management team.

The Chief Executive of SPA, Mr Sony Payet, formally thanked Mr Cadeau for his act of bravery, which he pointed out has made the Authority proud. "You reacted with no hesitation and your quick response helped to save the life of a tourist in distress. For this, we are proud of you and on behalf of the authority, I commend you for your act of bravery and recommend that everyone else follows in your footsteps if ever they encounter similar incidents," said Mr Payet.

Mr Cadeau expressed his appreciation for the recognition and pointed out that he feels honoured and relieved to have been there at that moment and was able to respond to the incident. He recounted that it was on a typical working day, on Wednesday 01st May 2024, while he was doing his routine patrol on the Mahe Quay when he saw someone running across the wharf calling for help. He immediately followed that person, with a few other individuals, where a catamaran belonging to a Destination Management Company (DMC) was berthed. Tied to it was a small dingy with two female tourists and a man lying on his back in the hull of the small boat.

"I did a quick check to see if the man was breathing. Since he was not, I instantly applied CPR. After a few compressions on his chest, water started to come out from his mouth. He then started to breathe." At this moment, the ambulance had arrived on the scene and the man was transported to the hospital for further medical assistance. Mr Cadeau is a certified first-aider and confirmed that if he hadn't undergone that training he would have not been able to save that man's life.

Although he did not get the chance to meet the man he saved, Mr Cadeau is proud that his quick reaction saved a person's life that day. He recounts that it is the first time he has gone through such an experience.

The SPA family joins hands to congratulate Mr Cadeau for his fast response and act of bravery.