



BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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BCCI's 7TH ANNUAL MADE IN BELIZE TRADE SHOW

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The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry's 7th annual Made in Belize Trade Show was held on Saturday, June 1st 2024 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the National Agriculture and Trade Show Grounds in the City of Belmopan. Under the theme "Buy in Belize, Build Belize, Support your local homegrown." The Trade Show featured roughly 130 micro, small, medium and large enterprises who offer 100% local products and services in various locations across the country.

This year's show garnered visits by approximately 1,800 persons throughout the course of the day. The Chamber was pleased to receive a great deal of positive feedback and constructive reviews from participants and exhibitors, which will be considered in the strategic planning of our future public events. Connections were made between the micro businesses and potential buyers from local tourist attractions.

Our opening ceremony, which commemorates the launch of the event each year, included remarks from several of our partners and special invited guests. BCCI President Katherine Meighan emphasized the importance of creating an environment of growth for the business community, especially our MSMEs who continue to seek opportunities for growth through public engagement.

Other important speakers included H.W. Mayor Pablo Cawich who delivered the welcome remarks, CEO of the Ministry of Agriculture, Servulo Baeza who commended the efforts of the BCCI and extended his well wishes to all the participating businesses and Mrs. Shalaw Leslie, Owner of Farmed to Perfection who discussed her journey as an entrepreneur and implored other entrepreneurs to continue to pursue their goals and take up the charge of being drivers of Belize's economy.

We also hosted our annual booth competition in which 36 businesses registered to compete. Our team of dedicated judges beared the heat to score each participant leading to the following businesses emerging victorious:

- ❖ *Overall Best Booth Award* (Sponsored by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)) – **Lion Heart Woodworks**
- ❖ *Most Outstanding Male Entrepreneur Award* (Sponsored by Builders Hardware Ltd. and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)) – **Black Orchid Preserves**
- ❖ *Most Outstanding Female Entrepreneur Award* (Sponsored by Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort Belize and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)) – **Lindz Handmade Treasures**
- ❖ *Most Outstanding Youth Entrepreneur Award* (Sponsored by Universal Hardware and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)) – **Jenari**
- ❖ *Most Eco-Friendly Product Award* (Sponsored by Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort Belize and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)) – **DML Bamboo Straws**

The BCCI takes this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the exhibitors, endorsers and sponsors who made this achievement possible and thank you to all who visited in support of our members.



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