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Barama's Nuggets Craft Project certifies six students in bead-making course

(LAND OF CANAAN, 12 JANUARY 2012) – Six women from around the Buckhall Camp received certificates for completing the first round of Barama's Nuggets Craft Project.

Nuggets is an arts and craft initiative between Barama Company Limited and the Ministry of Amerindian Affairs launched September last year to contribute to the arts and craft efforts of the various Amerindian groups. The craft workshop is the brainchild of Barama's CEO, Mr. Clement Ooi and is coordinated by Ms. Purey Pabilonia under the guidance of the Corporate Affairs Department.

At the graduation ceremony, Mr. Mohindra Chand, Barama's Head of Corporate Affairs, encouraged the graduates to see themselves as pioneers of the Nuggets workshop and urged them to be the drivers in the recruitment of the next batch of students for the basic course. He also urged them as they progress in the course to not keep the knowledge they have gained to themselves but to share it when they return to their respective communities. Mr. Chand also commended Ms. Pabilonia on successfully conducting the course and said that the entire workshop can look forward to seeing more involvement from management in the future because the commitment of the Nuggets team has been recognized.

Eleven women registered for the course but only six met all the requirements to graduate. The six students who were awarded with their certificates were also given prizes for their service, commitment and achievements. Ms. Nisha Abram, the spouse of Barama's employee Benedict Abrams (Log Truck Driver), was presented with the Award of Excellence for being the top performer of the entire Basic course.

Before closing, the graduates expressed some of their future plans for the workshop, such as holding the course at different hours to allow for more participation from other women and also uniforms to give them a sense of identity.

Guests at the small ceremony included Mr. Harry Anak Akip, Camp in Charge; Mr. Maurice Torres from Human Resources; Mr. Krishna Basdeo, Assistant Forest Planning Manager; Mr. Orin Porter and several prospective students and staff from the Buckhall Admin office.

Attendees were treated to light refreshments prepared by the graduates themselves at the end of the program as well as little craft tokens as a memorabilia of the occasion.



Treasurer of the Barama Nuggets Craft group Ms. Ali presents Mr. Chand with a garland to welcome his presence.



The beaming graduates (from left): A. Alli (Veneer), N. Abrams (spouse of Barama's employee, Benedict Abrams), R. Ramsarup (GIS), Y. Dash (Veneer), M. Softley (GIS) and L. Calvan (GIS)



Top performer Ms. Nisha Abrams receiving her certificate from Mr. Harry Anak Akip



Attendees at the graduation ceremony