



New Road Family Park Re-opens

The New Road Family Park is now open for family recreation, following the Official Re-Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, which was held on Monday, January 23rd, on the Park Grounds.

The Ceremony was graced by several persons, including the Honourable Prime Minister and Ministers of Cabinet, representatives of the Republic of China on Taiwan, former Government Officials, members of the New Road Community, and several excited children and parents.

In giving an overview of the Project, Ms. Azilla Clarke-Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Social Development & Gender Affairs, advised that the decision had been taken not to reopen the Park after its 2020 COVID-19 closure, due to the discovery of land undermining on the Eastern grounds. She thanked the Republic of China on Taiwan for their ready offer of financial assistance to rehabilitate the grounds and provide new equipment, at a cost of US\$350,000, and solicited the general public's support in caring for the new Facility.

His Excellency the Honourable Micheal Lin affirmed that the Republic of China on Taiwan was happy to fund the Park's rehabilitation, declaring that it was the perfect New Year's gift to commemorate the Republic's 'Year of the Rabbit' as well as the current 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations with St. Kitts and Nevis.

In a similar vein, the Honourable Minister Geoffrey Hanley announced the Government's pleasure at the Park's reopening, noting that it represented their ongoing commitment to build strong families and communities. He also informed of future plans to utilize the lands on the Eastern and Southern side of the Park for family fun and enjoyment, including biking and walking trails.

After the official speeches and ribbon-cutting, the general public was invited to tour the new Park grounds.

The newly reopened Park will be overseen by custodian Ms. Imelda Richards while a new Management structure is established, under the overall supervision of the Department of Community Development of Social Services.

End of Release

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