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PRESS RELEASE

Thursday, October 18, 2007: In keeping with Grenada's responsibility to environmental protection, the Ministry of Health and the Environment facilitated the orientation to a novel paper recycling project held in the Ministry of Tourism conference room at the Ministerial Complex.

The *Waste Paper Packaging Project* - funded by the Organization of American States - is a one-year paper recycling initiative to convert waste paper into new handmade packaging primarily for spices, and craft and gift items. Project facilitator Suelin Low Chew Tung indicated that 'Bulk production of this new packaging has the potential to create a novel micro industry to support Grenada's Craft and Gift Sector. In addition, it has the potential to reduce the annual volume of waste paper going to the Perseverance landfill - approximately 8 tonnes.'

Strong support for this initiative and for the paper-only recycling bins to be installed within their ministries was received from the Permanent Secretaries. Representatives from the Ministries of Education, Sports, Works, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Tourism, Social Development, the Office of the Prime Minister and the Houses of Parliament attended the orientation. Participants were instructed on the correct use of the bins provided, and the types of paper to be collected. Samples of the new product made available elicited positive feedback from all participants, including representatives of the Grenada Solid Waste Authority in attendance to lend support to the project.

The project is funded by the Organization of American States and executed by the Grenada Arts Council.



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