

SKN Customs honours the memory of Charleton Edwards

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, MARCH 4, 2017 (Customs PRO) - It is with sadness that the St. Kitts and Nevis Customs and Excise Department learns of the passing of our colleague and friend, Mr. Charleton Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was a widely experienced and highly competent officer who served in many capacities during his distinguished career in the Customs Department which spanned two decades and more. His notable grasp of the principles of customer service and community involvement helped to raise the profile of the department. He was truly an ambassador of trade facilitation long before this term was a buzz term on the international circuit.

Mr. Edwards was a firm believer in the increased competence of Customs Officers. Here he encouraged many officers to qualify themselves in areas that once were not traditionally seen as customs domain. He believed that the department's strength lay in the abilities of each officer to meet and surpass the expectations of the traveller and trader. That is why at the close of his illustrious career as a Customs Officer, Mr. Edwards had been promoted to the rank of Assistant Comptroller of Customs often articulating his great hopes for the future of the organisation. The present abilities of the department to advise the government and private sector on the impact of trade agreements are directly the result of Mr. Edwards' influence on the department.

His expertise in trade related aspects of Customs management rendered him most competent to join the Ministry of International Trade. There he rose to the position of Permanent Secretary, overseeing the implementation of a number of trade policies that will positively impact our nation for many years to come.

The Comptroller of Customs, Mr. Georid Belle, and all officers of the St. Kitts and Nevis Customs and Excise Department pause in tribute to remember the service of Mr. Charleton Edwards. We are thankful to God for the times we all spent working with this our fallen colleague. We pray for the presence of God's peace for his son and family at this their time of loss.

Picture below: Mr. Charleton Edwards shown on the right.

