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Belize's New Currency Notes Revealed

Belize City, 24 January 2025: The Government of Belize and the Central Bank of Belize proudly revealed Belize's redesigned currency notes during a ceremonial launch held at the Belize City Civic Center on 23 January 2025. The event marked a significant milestone in Belize's financial landscape, showcasing innovative designs that reflect our rich heritage and commitment to modernity.

The redesigned notes feature vibrant imagery honouring Rt. Hon. George Price and Hon. Philip Goldson, the only two recipients of the Order of National Hero. The new notes also incorporate modern security features, including enhanced watermarks, colour-shifting security threads, and holographic stripes.

"We must recognise our cultural heritage as an asset and a contributor to the wellbeing of our citizens and communities," said the Prime Minister during the keynote address. "Today, we also remember the sacrifices of those who came before us, fuelled by the hope of a brighter future."

With currency issuance as a core part of the Central Bank mandate, the event also showcased Central Bank's support for a growing payment landscape which already includes debit and credit cards, digital transactions (online transfers), e-wallets and cash. More importantly, it was emphasized that the changes in the design and features of the banknotes do not alter its value. The Belize Dollar will remain pegged to the US Dollar at BZ\$2.00 to US\$1.00 when these notes are introduced.

Governor Michael added that "Central Bank will continue to work to safeguard the integrity of Belize's money, ensuring a secure financial future for all."

The new currency notes will be introduced into circulation later this year. The Central Bank reassures the public that current notes will remain legal tender and will circulate alongside the new notes during the transition period.

The new notes were unveiled by the Prime Minister, Hon. John Briceño, alongside the Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. Kareem Michael. Other esteemed guests included government officials, De La Rue-Currency, financial institutions, and the families of our National Heroes.

The public is invited to learn more about the new currency notes and their features by visiting www.centralbank.org.bz.

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