



Message of His Excellency Brigadier David Granger, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, to the Inter-Services Annual Athletics Championship 2015 to be held on 2015-10-16.

We are honoured to witness the Annual Inter-Services Athletics Championship. The games present the opportunity for keen and friendly sporting rivalry between the Joint Services. The Joint Services comprise the Guyana Defence Force, the Guyana Police Force, the Guyana Prison Service and the Guyana Fire Service. Each service is distinct and governed by a separate Act or statute. They are however all enjoined to the common cause of service to Guyana and to its people. It is therefore only fitting that avenues be found to improve relations between the constituent members of the Joint Services.

Sport, traditionally, has been a vehicle to bring people and organizations together, to foster harmonious contacts and to promote a spirit of friendly rivalry. The importance of the Inter- Services Annual Championships, therefore, extends beyond the perimeters of the sporting arenas at which these championships are hosted. The championships allow for members of our Disciplined Services to rub shoulders competitively. The championships can be an important vehicle to promote respectful relations amongst the institutions and individuals who collectively, constitute the Joint Services.

We all look forward to a highly competitive championship this year and to the participants giving of their best and continuing to strive for excellence both on and off the track. We expect the championship to be characterized by good sportsmanship and fair play.

We extend our best wishes to all the competitors, organizers and supporters of this year's championship.

May you have a highly successful event!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Granger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Granger

President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.