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K.C. CONFECTIONERY LIMITED AWARDED INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN...T&T OWNED COMPANY OF THE YEAR 2022

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber) is pleased to award K.C. Confectionery Limited the Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year Award for 2022.

The family-run company opened its doors in 1922 as a cottage industry, then developed into a factory by 1957 and moved into full automation in the early 1990s. It has since diversified and expanded to a fast-paced, people-driven organisation, which has embraced technological advancements and innovations along the way.

The company prides itself on a highly skilled workforce, with teams of trained technicians in contemporary laboratory techniques to ensure the candies are manufactured to the highest quality standards. A Total Quality Management (TQM) approach has been adopted, allowing all personnel at the company to play an integral part in guaranteeing optimum product quality and the highest customer satisfaction.

Over the decades K.C. Confectionery Limited has evolved into a household name, from its famous K.C. Dinner Mint with love notes packaging to a wide range of mouth-watering candy products ranging from hard candies, gums, toffees and soft chews, bars, and lollipops.

The company, the largest manufacturer of sugar confectionery and gum in the Caribbean, has also captured several awards, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation's (UNIDO) Award for Business Innovation and the Prime Minister's Exporter Award 1996.

About 70 per cent of K.C. Confectionery's products are exported to markets such as the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominican Republic, Dominica, Grenada and Carriacou, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica, Suriname, the British Virgin Islands, Curacao, Aruba, and Guadeloupe.

K.C. Confectionery Limited places emphasis on its employees and their relationships. Monthly town hall meetings, leadership and empowerment workshops, coaching incentive, and reward programmes are all initiatives implemented to foster growth and development and to gain feedback.

Likewise, the company upholds its Corporate Social Responsibility and Environment, Social, and Governance roles through various activities and initiatives such as, but not limited to, the K.C. KIN (Kids in Need) Foundation – a non-profit organisation formed in August 2022; recycling cardboard boxes and plastic with Lezama Recycling Company, a partnership formed since 2014. In 2020 another collaboration started with New Age Recycling to recycle cardboard boxes only.

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The Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year 2022 and the Breakthrough Exporter of the Year Awards are sponsored by Eximbank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited.

The Breakthrough Exporter Award was introduced in 2021 and recognises small to medium-sized businesses that are willing to take the risk to enter new markets and have shown significant growth over the last year.

One company will be honoured this year, at the November 24 Gala Awards Finale for its achievements in taking incredible steps to move their business from local to regional and international markets.

The Awards programme includes a total of six categories: Entrepreneurship (sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation); The Business Technology Award (presented by the T&T Chamber); Internationally Known...T&T Owned Company of the Year and Breakthrough Exporter (sponsored by Eximbank of Trinidad and Tobago Limited.); Green Agenda and Business Hall of Fame (sponsored by The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited).

The Champions of Business Gala Awards Finale and Cocktail Reception, a Signature Event of the T&T Chamber, has returned to an in-person event, at the National Academy for Performing Arts (NAPA), Port of Spain, on November 24, 2022, from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

The T&T Chamber is excited to see you all again! The cost to attend is \$995.00 + VAT. To confirm your attendance, e-mail: events@chamber.org.tt or call [637-6977](tel:637-6977) ext. 1308.

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