



**Opening Remarks by Ms Jenifer Sullivan  
Second Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Seychelles  
Guy Morel High Achievement Scholarship 2023 Award Presentation  
Wednesday March 1, 2023  
Guy Morel Training Room, Central Bank Building**

**Governor,  
First Deputy Governor,  
Scholarship Awardees and Guests,  
Scholarship Committee Members,  
Colleagues,**

Good Morning and welcome to the award presentation ceremony for the 2023 Guy Morel High Achievement Scholarship.

This year, we recorded an 8% increase in applications, which is an all-time high. Four were for a first degree and ten for a postgraduate qualification. All of the candidates for undergraduate were shortlisted for the interview, whereas for the Master's degree, half were shortlisted. For undergraduate, the interest was in actuarial science, accounting and finance. In contrast, for postgraduate, the fields of anti-money laundering and compliance, financial law, sustainable finance, taxation, public finance, financial technology and financial journalism appealed to the applicants.

At the end of the selection process, Turissa and Calvin attained the highest scores for the undergraduate and postgraduate categories, respectively, and were recommended for the scholarship award.

Turissa is a consistent, exceptional academic performer, grabbing local and international excellence awards. She has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities where she has held leadership positions. Her referees describe her as someone who displays maturity and approaches her work with determination and commitment. She is passionate about pursuing a career in accounting and finance.

On the other hand, Calvin has worked at the Financial Services Authority since 2020 in the Capital Markets and Collective Investment Scheme Supervision Section. Since July 2022, he has been holding the position of Senior Supervision Officer. He is also described as someone who is self-motivated and hard-working. He is left with one module to complete his certification with the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment, which he plans to undertake this June. Calvin's interest is in financial law.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I congratulate our two scholars and your parents, family and friends who have supported you over the years. I would also like to acknowledge the other applicants who have gone through the very competitive selection process and wish them well in the future. It is encouraging to see young minds keen to pursue careers in various areas of finance, which remains one of the sectors on the country's priority list for qualified and skilled professionals.

To Turissa and Calvin, we wish you all the very best. Seychelles eagerly looks forward to seeing your contributions to the financial services industry upon completing your studies.

Thank you.