



BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BCCI'S MSME INCLUSIVITY GRANT WINNER – MR. MIGUEL VEJERANO!

- For Immediate Release-

On November 30th, at Belize's National Disability Conference, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), with funding from the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize and in support of persons living with Disabilities in Belize, extended a Grant opportunity for entrepreneurs living with a disability. The applicants were required to submit a short video or write up of their business idea along with how they would be moving forward with their entrepreneurial aspirations.

Seven applications were submitted and were reviewed by a committee. On Monday January 17th, we were proud to announce Live on our Social Media platform the winner of the MSME Inclusivity Grant for persons with disabilities, Mr. Miguel Vejerano a 31 year old entrepreneur of Corozal Town. Mr. Vejerano lost his eyesight thirteen years ago. He is currently self-employed as an Electronic Technician, and he also offers Non-Visual Technological Guide and Training workshops to help others who are visually impaired. Mr. Vejerano plans to use the grant funds to extend his business and offer one-on-one training on how to use smart devices to persons living with a disability. He is also a part of the visually impaired program at the Belize Council for the Visually Impaired (BCVI). Mr. Vejerano will receive \$2,500.00 as a Cash prize along with one-year free Membership at the Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize for partnering with the BCCI and offering this opportunity to a Belizean entrepreneur living with a disability. Thank you to the Disability Desk in the Ministry of Human Development for their continued guidance and support to the grant programme. We wish Mr. Miguel Vejerano the best in his innovative technical training and look forward to hearing about the growth and development of his entrepreneurial business efforts.

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