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A silhouette of a person standing on a large rock with their arms raised in a 'V' shape, set against a sunset sky with a gradient from blue to orange. The person is positioned in the center-right of the frame.

A message from the former Chairperson

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Goro Yamashita

Dear partners,

As my term of office in Mauritius draws to a close, I address you for the last time with the satisfaction of a job well done. It has been more than two years since I first set foot in Mauritius, a country I have discovered over my numerous meetings and visits to the four corners of the island. During this time, we did a tremendous job with the valuable collaboration of many people, both at MOL (Mauritius) Ltd level and the MOL Charitable Trust level.

Our achievements are most favorable. During our first Call for Proposals, launched in the last quarter of 2021, we were surprised by the number of responses from local NGOs, and especially by the pertinence of most of them.

Many projects have now been completed, and we have been able to assist hundreds of Mauritians in need, facilitate the schooling of many young children, support entire communities in coping with daily challenges, and promote the conservation of the beautiful ecosystems that flourish in the lagoons and forests of this unique island.

More specifically, we have created an ecosystem conducive to the sustainability of our joint action by bringing together many NGOs and stakeholders who were previously working separately. By collaborating, discussing, and devising solutions together, we will succeed in achieving our common goals.

However, MOL Charitable Trust still has a long way to go before accomplishing its mission in Mauritius. I now pass the baton to my esteemed colleague, Kazuhiko Sugano. He knows Mauritius well, leading the Mauritius Environment and Social Contribution Team. With his experience and skills, I am sure he will add value to your work and build new bridges to benefit Mauritian society and the environment.

I warmly thank all those who have participated in our mission in Mauritius.

Good luck to all of you!

Nou avek zot!

Goro Yamashita



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Message from the new Chairperson



A message from the new Chairperson

Dear Mauritians,

I am humbled to stand before you today as the new Chairperson of the MOL Charitable Trust. I am already well acquainted with the phenomenal work done by the Trust and its partners in Mauritius, having headed the Mauritius Environment and Social Contribution Team in my previous position in Japan, an arm of MOL which was to follow the mission of the Group on your island closely.

As a privileged witness of this Mauritian adventure that started almost three years ago, I have had the opportunity to see the creation of a system of mutual support and solidarity between the Trust and its partners. By establishing an entire network linking different NGOs working for other causes, my predecessor and his team laid the foundations for a formidable collaborative venture. I see myself as an heir to that remarkable effort, and I look forward to the task ahead so we can continue to shape the future of Mauritius together.

The Trust's second year of supporting local NGO projects has started very positively. We were also fortunate to welcome the Nippon Maru, the jewel of the MOL fleet, and her passengers in

early 2023. Some passengers visited several NGOs supported by the Trust, allowing them to see another side of the island while building strong links with the local communities.

As the beneficiaries of the MOL CT program have just been named, we have a new year of work and a new challenge to overcome. I am eager to roll up my sleeves, but first of all, I must get to know everyone involved, for we will undertake this mission as a team.

Thank you all, and see you soon,

Kazuhiko Sugano
Chairperson of MOL Charitable Trust



Introducing Mr. Kazuhiko Sugano

Born in February 1970, Mr. Kazuhiko Sugano holds a Major in Psychology from Keio University in Japan. In April 1994, he joined Navix Line, Ltd, No.2 in Japan's dry, bulk & tanker segments. Mr.Sugano had engaged in the energy transportation business since April 1994. Following the merger of Navix Line and Mitsui O.S.K Lines in April 1999, he was transferred to MOL Japan, Ltd, MOL's subsidiary company for the Liner business between October 1999 and April 2004.

In May 2004, he was transferred to the Steaming Coal Group as the No.2 of the Dedicated Bulk Carrier Division of MOL. Over the years, he has worked in the energy transportation division of MOL or as one of their expats at MOL's overseas offices, such as China (2010-2013) and Singapore (2013-2017).

In July 2017, Mr. Sugano took the post of General Manager of Steaming Coal Carrier Team A of the Steaming Coal Carriers Division of MOL before being appointed as Project Manager of Steaming Coal and Energy Project Division, where

he participated in the development of alternative energy solutions for Japanese power utilities from the point of transportation. Between 2017 and 2019, he actively built Wind Challenger dry bulk carrier, which can use wind power as a propulsion using a state-of-the-art auto-controlled telescopic hard grass fiber sail, eco-friendly dry bulk carrier for steaming coal and biomass fuel (wood pellets).

Mr. Sugano has been the General of the Mauritius Environment and Social Contribution Team, Environment & Sustainability Strategy Division since July 2021. Before that, he headed a team on behalf of the MOL Group on a mission to Mauritius between September and November 2020. As of March 2023, he will be the new Managing Director of MOL (Mauritius) Ltd and the Chairperson of the MOL Charitable Trust in Mauritius.



The Local Enforcers Committee

MOL CT is managed by a Steering Committee of 7 members, 3 of whom are Mauritian. Each member of the committee participates voluntarily, and they have all been chosen according to their different areas of expertise and knowledge of the social and/or environmental landscape of the island, but also their networks of contacts, their involvement in social or environmental initiatives, their valuable experience, and their commitment.

For those who do not know our Local Enforcers yet, here is a brief presentation of each of them.



Marc Dalais is the Executive Chairman of the Celero Group, which he co-founded in 2009. Celero is a logistics and shipping agency group operating in Mauritius, Madagascar, and Reunion. A native Mauritian, Marc started his career in Shipping in South Africa after completing his university studies there. He subsequently worked in a leading international logistics group in Paris before joining a listed conglomerate in Mauritius as General Manager of its Logistics, Shipping, and Aviation division.



After a successful career of more than 32 years in the Mauritius Police Force within different units from law enforcement, criminal prosecution, telecommunication specialist at the Helicopter Squadron, and managing the Police Information & Operations Room, and finally retired in 2019 as a pioneer staff of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management & Center (NDRRMC) as a Police Inspector. Darman Ellayah holds an Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering diploma from the Indian Air Force and an MBA in Project Management.



Dr. Jimmy Harmon is currently Deputy Director/ Head of Secondary for Catholic Education. Holds a Ph.D. in language studies from the University of Western Cape, South Africa. His research interests are language, history, memory, and identity construction. From 2011 to 2019, Dr. Harmon was involved in the public advocacy of the setting up of a Slavery Museum, which is one of the 190 recommendations of the Truth and Justice Commission established by the government in 2008 to investigate the legacy of slavery and indentured labor from colonial days to date.



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Our Local Enforcers Objectives & Recommmandations for the year 2023

Marc Dalais, Darmen Ellayah, Dr. Jimmy Harmon



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“Our priorities this time were to ensure the continuity of some projects in the south-eastern region funded under the first year, whilst also supporting new projects.”

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“We wanted to select projects that have a direct impact on communities along with an element of sustainability, creativity and innovation and we are confident that these projects will do so.”

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“For this current year, we would also like to ensure that any problems encountered by the NGOs are reported as soon as possible, so that we could provide immediate support and not left until the end of the year.”

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“We want to promote good governance, facilitate communication, and implement efficient policies and processes that will allow everyone to align on common objectives. We want to encourage the emergence of solid and robust structures that offer everyone the opportunity to grow sustainably.”

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“Our objectives remain to help vulnerable people by supporting different projects that lead to the autonomisation of everyone. Empowering people is essential for peace and social, economic, and environmental progress.”

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“We should consider strengthening the assistance in the social, environmental, and educational fields to accompany the NGOs in implementing the projects.”

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“We look forward to working closely with each of the NGOs and helping them to complete their projects. We will once again coordinate and encourage collaboration between different NGOs working in the same sectors of intervention, with a focus on education, food empowerment, and social and environmental issues. We hope the model we have set up in the region is successful so that we can export it to other regions in the future.”

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“We will pay particular attention to relatively new NGOs and those without an experienced administrative team. We will offer them targeted support where necessary, as we want each project to achieve its objectives and maximise its impact.”

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Second Call for Proposal Awarded

MOL CT launched its second Call For Proposals in September 2022. In the first round of 2021/2022, we funded 26 social and environmental projects in the South-East region. This year we opened up projects to all regions of the island, while retaining priority for projects with an impact in the South-East so as to maintain a continuity in all the environmental and social efforts undertaken during the year 2021/2022.

With the valued assistance of the I61 Foundation and the Enforcers Committee, MOL CT was able to select 20 projects for the second year of its mission in Mauritius. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the selected NGOs at a ceremony in Mahebourg on 15th of January 2023

As Goro Yamashita, former Chairperson of MOL CT, explained, *'for this second year, we have once again favoured projects located in the South-East region, in order to ensure the continuity and sustainability of our action in this area. As a result, several of the NGOs we worked with previously have been selected again for the relevance of their proposals.'*

The areas of intervention of the selected projects include environmental protection, education, sport, food self-sufficiency, agriculture and support to local communities, among others.



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Mauriwood Film Industry Artists Association

Organisation

The NGO promotes film production and related arts that aim to create passion, creative economic activity, and jobs that lead to the film industry's potential in the region.

Project Overview

Production of ISLAND NATURE REBORN 2, a sequel to the documentary film ISLAND NATURE REBORN 1 made by the MOL Charitable Trust 2021-2022 grant project, and screening at the Environment and an Ecology & Food Security Festival (the micro version) in October 2023. An exhibition hall was set up for movie props and other items made from recycled materials. Building a web platform for NGO networks.



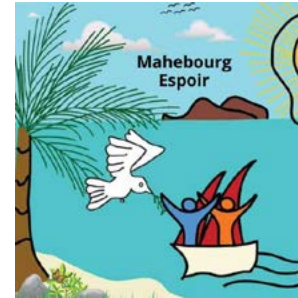
Ti Rayons Soleil

Organisation

Working to support the social inclusion of women suffering from poverty, revitalize communities, and educate children.

Project Overview

Operation of preschool in Mahebourg district. Montessori educational materials and other materials will be used to provide high-quality education and meals appropriate for developing the mind and body in early childhood. Parents and guardians will be encouraged to understand the importance of family love through activities at the facility.



Mahebourg Espoir

Organisation

Organisation Committed to alleviating material, social, educational, familial, and environmental poverty, it provides children with literacy, numeracy, and employment training in dedicated facilities.

Project Overview

School buses and other transportation will be prepared to accommodate childing living in areas without preschool in the Mahebourg District. Nursery schools provide nutritious meals, go on field trips, and hold events to nurture the rich minds of children.



Biodiversity Preservation

Organisation

Work with a vision of protecting biodiversity and restoring food systems through sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Project Overview

The 2021-2022 grant project will be continued to support more schools in developing "eco-literacy toolkits" to increase students' environmental awareness. It will hold workshops for young people, design CO2 emission calculators, and build an electronic library accessible to students and faculty.



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Eco-Sud

Organisation

An organisation whose mission is to protect Mauritius's environment and biodiversity and aims to achieve economic, social, and environmental development simultaneously by protecting natural ecosystems and developing agroecological systems to promote food self-sufficiency.

Project Overview

Aiming to alleviate poverty in the southeastern part of the island, social workers will be sent to target households to provide psychological support and provide meals at a reduced price for up to half a year. They will also be trained at the Resilient Organic Community Center, an agricultural training facility in our association, on farming methods and how to prepare to produce to improve food self-sufficiency and food safety.



Loreto College Bambous Virieux

Organisation

Aim to build a better world by energizing young people and adults through education and developing their potential to become individuals with integrity and happiness.

Project Overview

Develop communication software for schools and students that will reduce the burden on parents, send social workers to students' homes, and open communication rooms for residents. In addition, the campus's greening and garbage separation will be strengthened.



Action Familiale

Organisation

An organisation that provides counseling sessions and other programs for parents and their children to promote harmonious family life stability.

Project Overview

To prevent problems in the home, it will provide programs such as contacting eligible households and communicating the need for literacy skills and appropriate lifestyle habits. Collaborate with other NGOs to promote a wide range of activities.



Bonheur Associé aux enfants (B.A.E)

Organisation

They are assisting children to go to school happily and live their daily lives with a mission to give every child equal opportunity.

Project Overview

Provide daily school meals and educational support using school materials to support vulnerable children. Parents will be provided with counseling sessions on child-rearing following the needs of each family to raise their awareness as parents. Cooperate with other NGOs and provide food materials to households regularly.



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Bâtisseurs de Paix

Organisation

An organisation dedicated to helping those in disadvantaged social circumstances, mainly those living near Saint Hilaire.

Project Overview

Expand school classrooms and enhance education for children. Aim to create jobs by creating eco-shops for upcycling and recycling. Hold workshops to promote and raise awareness of environmental protection activities.



Eastern Welfare Association for Disabled

Organisation

To ensure that people with disabilities have equal rights in society and receive an equitable and high-quality education, organisations that provide lifelong learning opportunities for all generations and provide appropriate rehabilitation and medical consultations for people with severe disabilities to improve their QOL.

Project Overview

Aiming to help people with disabilities become financially independent, the institute provides training in agriculture and craft making and information and communication technology training. It will also help beneficiaries promote their career development to choose the right business area for each after completing the training. In addition to trainers, they work with doctors, occupational therapists, and psychologists to achieve healthy mental and physical growth.



Sov Lanatir

Organisation

A group led by senior youth leaders between the ages of 18 and 27 that advocates the effects of environmental pollution and climate change on the human body and the economy and conducts environmental conservation awareness activities.

Project Overview

The project aims to restore coastal, marine, and wetland resources and increase biodiversity by planting 100m² of mangroves in the Trou d'Eau Douce area using a comprehensive approach that combines scientific research, community development, and GIS (aerial drone photography).



Revey Twa

Organisation

An organisation dedicated to helping the socially disadvantaged in the southeastern part of the island, particularly emphasizing women's empowerment.

Project Overview

To help women who lost their jobs in the southeastern region of the island to find new employment, training in cooking and sewing will be provided for 3-4 months to help them find work.



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Social Circus of Cite La Chaux

Organisation

Working for socio-economic development through strengthening the empowerment of people from disadvantaged social circumstances in Cite La Chaux.

Project Overview

To support the safe and healthy environment of the children of cite La Chaux, the school holds after-school and weekend workshops such as plays and artistic activities and provides school means. Vocational training, such as theatre, will be provided to create jobs for young parents with children.



Precious Plastic Mauritius

Organisation

An organisation established to inform and educate communities about environmental protection and plastic waste and to hold workshops and activities to inform residents about plastic pollution, recycling, and entrepreneurship.

Project Overview

Aiming to develop a circular economy, the company will collect plastic waste, cans, and glass in the Mahebourg area and manufacture new, unique, valuable products through appropriate recycling routes. Organise study sessions on waste sorting and recycling and events to raise awareness about environmental protection.



Mouvement Bien Etre de la Cite La Chaux (MBECC)

Organisation

An educational support group dedicated to developing welfare for the socially disadvantaged in the Mahebourg district.

Project Overview

Purchase a fishing vessel to train fishing off the coast of Cite La Chaux and start a local fishermen's cooperative. Managed fisheries by cooperatives will be realised, leading to the sustainable use of marine resources.



Porteurs D'images Organisation

Organisation

Aims to develop Mauritian film culture and industry through film screenings, training, production, and distribution of films and film education activities.

Project Overview

Weekly filmmaking workshops will be held for young people and children living around the Mahebourg area. Participants will discover and practice their filmmaking skills in fiction, documentary, and animation. At the end of the project, the film produced will be shown in the community.



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Youth with Disabilities Empowerment Platform (YWDEP)

Organisation

An organisation that conducts training in various fields and aims to strengthen the empowerment of young people with disabilities, and also works to create a safe and green environment through recycling and to eradicate poverty.

Project Overview

They conduct training and sell in various fields such as weaving, sewing, handicrafts, painting, basketry, clay making, and gardening. Works with other NGOs to collect and upcycle waste for sale.

Mahebourg RCA School Parents Teachers Association

Organisation

An Organisation that helps students promote the development of safe, orderly, physically, mentally, and morally balanced individuals.

Project overview

Renovation of the school exterior premises with paintings.

La Chaux Mahebourg Academy Football Club

Organisation

Sports clubs that promote soccer practice and multicultural coexistence for young people involve them in soccer competitions and work to prevent delinquency through social and educational activities.

Project Overview

Continue providing football instruction and distributing football equipment to children in the Cite La Chaux area.

Loreto College Mahebourg

Organisation

An educational organisation that aims to help students develop academically, spiritually, and personally.

Project overview

Distribute school meals to students, conduct extracurricular classes, conduct medical examinations, and install equipment on campus.



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Flashback to the Nippon Maru's visit to Mauritius

Between the 5th and the 8th of January, one of the most luxurious Japanese cruise ships arrived in the harbor of Port-Louis. It was the Nippon Maru, the jewel in the crown of the fleet of MOL and MOPAS (a subsidiary of MOL). Almost 170 meters long and 24 meters wide, this prestigious vessel, in service since 1990, has built up a formidable reputation among cruise passengers worldwide for its unparalleled luxury, numerous activities on board, and gastronomy inspired by the most outstanding international cuisines.

To celebrate the arrival of the Nippon Maru, MOL (Mauritius) Ltd, in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Mauritius, hosted a reception in the port. Several guests were present. Here are some pictures of that evening.



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The MOL Charitable Trust featured on the MBC



The MOL Charitable Trust was honored to be a guest on the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation's Tipa Tipa program, dedicated to charity and social work in Mauritius.

The program was broadcasted live on the 12th of March and featured two of the Trust's Enforcers, Darmen Ellayah and Dr. Jimmy Harmon, who were interviewed on this occasion. Also present were representatives of the FALCON Association and Bonheur Associé aux Enfants, two NGOs whose projects were selected for the Trust's second year of activity.

Our Enforcers shared the philosophy of the Trust during their time on air, emphasizing its

objectives, its mode of operation, and its desire to create an ecosystem of mutual aid and practical support between the various NGOs. The NGO representatives present got the opportunity to talk about their association and their projects and highlight the advantages of the process set up by MOL CT.

Follow the link to discover the program which lifts the veil on the backstage of MOL CT (video credit: Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayzR2b1upO8>





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