

MV Logos Hope Ministry Plans its Caribbean Voyage

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: International Christian Charity Operation Mobilisation (OM), latest and largest ship, MV Logos Hope, docked in the Port of Belfast today as part of its United Kingdom and Ireland tour, before travelling to the Caribbean this July.

The official reception and opening of the Lagos Hope was attended by dignitaries and invited guests, including the main speakers: Mr Dirk Colenbraner – Captain, Mr Mike Hey – Director of OM and The Rt. Hon. Cllr. Tom Hartley – Lord Mayor of Belfast.



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Mr Dirk Colenbraner – Captain of MV Logos Hope, Mr Mike Hey – Director of Operation Mobilisation, The Rt. Hon. Cllr. Tom Hartley – Lord Mayor of Belfast, Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland

Captain Colenbraner explained that following a full renovation and outfit that lasted several years, at a cost of over £20 million, the 12,000+ ton vessel is bringing knowledge, help and hope to the people of the world. It currently hosts the largest floating book fair of over 6,000 different quality and educational titles, as well as DVDs and CDs, onboard theatre, school and international café serving Fairtrade coffee and tea.

Director of Operations, Mr Hey said: “Logos Hope is home and workplace for an international crew, representing over 40 different countries. We are all volunteers, working together as an expression of our faith.”

Belfast’s close links with the sea, shipbuilding and developing international relations are key to the people of Northern Ireland, was the clear message from The Lord Mayor of Belfast, as he cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the floating book fair in Belfast.

Dr. Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland who attended the event added: “It is my privilege to attend this milestone event and to see MV Logos Hope dock in Northern Ireland. While the itinerary and logistics are still being finalised, Logos Hope’s first destination after it leaves the UK will be the Eastern Caribbean. We have had discussions and I will be working with our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Tourism in Kingstown, as it would be a pleasure to have the vessel visit St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This way our citizens can experience Logos Hope first hand and the crew our country and unique Vincentian hospitality.”

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