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The Regional Champion and Country winners recognized at the Awards Ceremony for the 2nd Annual Regional Schools Investment Competition

The Awards Ceremony for the 2nd Annual Regional Schools Investment Competition was held on 28th March 2025 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Attending the event in person was a large contingent of students and teachers from the Adelphi Secondary School, St Vincent, home of the Regional Champion, Adelphi Enterprise. The ceremony was also streamed virtually, enabling the Country winners in the other Eastern Caribbean Currency Union member countries to participate and be recognized, and to enable the public across the region to view the event.

The winners, recognized during the ceremony, were:

1. **Adelphi Enterprise, Adelphi Secondary School** – Regional Champion and Country Winner for St. Vincent and the Grenadines
2. **CHSS Emerging Investors, Choiseul Secondary School** – Regional Runner Up, Country

- winner for Saint Lucia, and winner of the award for the most clearly presented strategic approach in the video submission.
3. **Market Masters, Arthur Waldron Seventh Day Adventist Academy** – Country winner for Dominica, and winner of the prize for the most creative video submission.
 4. **Green Magnates Enterprises, Irene B. Williams Secondary School** – Country winner for Antigua and Barbuda
 5. **Boys on the Hill Investment, Grenada Boys Secondary School** – Country winner for Grenada
 6. **Innovative Traders, Saddlers Secondary School** – Country winner for St. Kitts and Nevis

The Country winners received branded backpacks with gifts for each participating student, gift bags for teachers, certificates for both students and teachers and a plaque for the winning school. The winners of the video submissions awards also received cash prizes.

The Regional Champion, **Adelphi Enterprise**, also received a cash prize for students in the form of a bank account to help them to begin their saving and investing journey, a fee waiver voucher for the teachers' first investment transaction, a cash prize of EC\$5,000 for the school and the *Sir K Dwight Venner Regional Champion Trophy*.

The guest speaker at the ceremony was Mr Anson Latchman, a progressive young Vincentian professional, who encouraged the students to start their investment journey early. His inspiring address emphasized the benefits of compounding, diversification, and wealth creation.

The competition was designed as a dynamic learning experience for high school and first-year college students, introducing them to investing while providing the opportunity to experience securities market activity firsthand. The initiative, a collaboration between the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE), the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission (ECSRC) and the six licensed broker-dealers (First Citizens Investment Services Ltd, Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd, Bank of Saint Lucia Ltd, Grenada Co-operative Bank Ltd, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Ltd and Bank of Nevis Ltd.), aims to stimulate an interest in investing among young persons and to foster their development into future market participants.

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