

## **Christopher Fernandes, Chair of the Board John Fernandes Ltd**

Patriarch of the Fernandes clan, international shipping magnate and servant leader, Mr. John Fernandes' work experience covers a wide range of activities in the fields of business and management, as well as social, cultural, humanitarian and sports in Guyana. He pursued his tertiary education at the Irish Management Institute and Pennsylvania State University. He is currently the Chairman of John Fernandes Group of Companies.

Chris Fernandes also served as the Hon. Counsel for Germany to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana from 2003 – 2010. He was the First President of the Shipping Association of Guyana Inc. (1995 – 2002). He was also the Chairman of Caribbean Shipping Association.

In 2002, he received The Golden Arrow of Achievement (AA) award for long and dedicated service in the field of Commerce and Shipping. Additionally, in 2007, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) for his outstanding accomplishments and significant contributions to the business community and the wider Society. He will be awarded an honorary doctorate for Excellence in Business, Sports, Education and Civic Engagement on Thursday, November 7, at the 9am ceremony.