

***Remarks by Dr. Winston Adams - Founder and Group Executive Chairman, University of the Commonwealth Caribbean, at the Library Naming Ceremony and Unveiling of the Bust of Aaron Matalon - October 30, 2023***

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, and friends of UCC, good morning.

Today, we gather here to celebrate a remarkable man whose legacy has left an indelible mark on our institution and, indeed, the entire business and educational landscape of Jamaica.

As we unveil the bust of Aaron Matalon, and name our library, The Aaron Joseph Matalon Library, we pay tribute to a pioneering businessman and a man of great vision. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the generous contributions made by the Matalon family and the recent donation the ICD Group made that will undoubtedly enhance the facilities and the work that happens within the department.

In honoring Mr. Matalon, we remember his legacy, not just as a successful businessman but as a philanthropist, a mentor, and a driving force behind the advancement of education and the Jamaican economy. His enduring impact continues to be felt through the countless lives he touched and the institutions he helped establish.

On this momentous occasion, let us reflect on the remarkable journey of the Honourable Aaron Joseph Matalon and the library that now bears his name. May it serve as a reminder of the transformative power of education, resilience in the face of adversity, and the enduring spirit of a man who dedicated his life to the betterment of Jamaica.

Thank you, and may the Aaron Joseph Matalon Library be a source of inspiration and knowledge for generations to come.