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## Ordföranden har Ordet

*Hej alla SWEDOM:s medlemmar!*

Snart är det fjärde advent. Hoppas att julstämningen så smått börjar infinna sig och att alla ljus värmer i kylan. Trots kylan tycker jag att julen är en underbar tid med mycket ledig tid och möjlighet att umgås med familj och vänner.

Tack alla medlemmar som deltog vid vår middag i samband med vårt medlemsmöte i oktober. Vi kommer även 2014 att delta i TUR-mässan tillsammans med Kirsten Boucard Tropical Consult. Hon är anlitad av Dominicas turistmyndighet. SWEDOM kommer att betala ca 10.000 kronor för fyra dagars deltagande. Om ni är intresserade av att ställa upp som funktionärer vill jag att ni meddelar mig detta senast den 16 januari på telefon 070-722 79 37.

*Nyligen protesterade hundratals pojkar i Roseau för lika rätt mellan pojkar och flickor. Dom kräver rätt till utbildning, kärlek och rekreation och att fäder ska vara mer närvarande och involverade i deras uppväxt och utbildning.*

*Regeringen har investerat 5 millioner ECD i Island Citrus Industry för att bekämpa sjukdomar på citrusfrukter.*

*Den 30 september marscherade ca 10.000 United Workers Party Supported i Londonderry för att fira 25 år som parti och samtidigt manifestera mot regeringen. Många observatörer noterade att manifestationen kan vara en vändpunkt i politiken på Dominica där många börjar tröttna på nuvarande politiska prioriteringar och vill se en förändring redan 2014.*

*Jag önskar alla medlemmar en riktigt*

*GOD JUL OCH ETT GOTT NYTT ÅR!*

*Ruthine*



**Boka redan nu SWEDOM:s årsmöte  
lördagen den 12 april 2014 kl. 18.00  
på Reimersholme i Stockholm.  
Läs mer på sista sidan!**

## Chinese firm looking at new international airport construction in Dominica

ROSEAU, Dominica, December 7, 2013

The government of Dominica is currently in discussion with a Chinese firm on the possibility of constructing an international airport in Dominica.



Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said on Wednesday that a Chinese delegation representing Anhui Shui An Construction Group was on island looking at a proposed site in Crompton Point to construct an international airport.

Skerrit said a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) is now before the government for consideration.

“That delegation is here to visit the site, to review documentations that we have on the Crompton Point site, which was advised as being the only suitable site for an international airport in Dominica. Once we are satisfied with the contents of the MOU, we shall proceed with the signing of the MOU. That company will provide us with a conceptual design of the airport. Once we have that, we will engage the firm in further discussions as far as cost is concerned,” Skerrit said.

Cognizant of the fact that the construction of an international airport is a costly exercise, Skerrit said his government will not borrow money to build one.

The prime minister stated that his government will carefully examine all possibilities in having the airport financed using grant funds.

“If you look at our growth and social protection strategy (GSPS) paper, you will see that the international airport is mentioned in that strategy as being an important element for the economic development of Dominica. The Dominica Labour Party has never been opposed to an international airport. What the DLP has said, is that the country cannot afford to contract a loan of over four or five hundred million dollars to build an airport.

“I am saying to the people of Dominica, that under this arrangement, if it comes to a point where we have to borrow that sum to build the airport, we will not build the airport. Once we get this document/dossier prepared on the airport from the Chinese firm, we will engage potential donors and friendly countries, with a view to see to what extent they will be able to assist us in the realization of our ambition to build an international airport in Dominica.

“I believe we need to get between 80-85% as a grant if we were to build an international airport. Anything less than that would make it very difficult for Dominica to build an International airport on its own,” the prime minister stated.

The prime minister described the construction of an international airport as a massive undertaking and stated that, while the airport will not be built next year, his government will continue to pursue the possibilities of building one in the foreseeable future.

“We are not saying that the airport is going to be built tomorrow. It is something that we have been pursuing, we have had several leads, and we have had several discussions over the years with several groups in the United States, Europe and China.

“This Chinese group which we are currently holding discussions with has indicated that they have the capacity to advance the conceptual drawings of the airport. Once this is done, we would have to do all the necessary Environmental Impact assessment studies and geological testing before we would actually start the commencement of an international airport,” the prime minister stressed.

The government of Dominica in recent years has focused on developing the Melville Hall Airport as a short- to medium-term response to inadequate airlift into Dominica.

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Källa:

<http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/topstory-Chinese-firm-looking-at-new-international-airport-construction-in-Dominica-18976.html>

# Dominica moves to development stage of geothermal project

Published on November 26, 2013



Geothermal well in Dominica

**ROSEAU, Dominica -- The government of Dominica has now moved into the development phase of the geothermal project in the Roseau Valley. This phase will enable the fuelling of a future 20 megawatt power station that will cover Dominica's energy requirements.**

As part of the project, drilling work has commenced on a re-injection well in Trafalgar. Energy Minister Rayburn Blackmoore told members of the media last Friday that this will be complemented by a production well in Laudat.

"We are now moving to a very important aspect of that project, that is to say the development aspect which involves the drilling of the re-injection well in Trafalgar and the drilling of the production well in Laudat. We want to give the people of Dominica, especially the people of the Roseau Valley the assurance that the government will ensure that all the mitigating measures will be put in place to ensure that this phase is done properly," Blackmoore said.

He said this new phase of the project follows the release of results of an environmental impact assessment (EIA) conducted by Caraibes Environnement, a French service contractor.

"The final report of the EIA has been made public which

is fundamental. We had given the people of Dominica the commitment that we will be very transparent in that regard. This report so far has been made public and we have also produced an executive summary of the report. We have to ensure therefore that we adhere to the best practices. That is why we have been able to engage the best talent in the world in terms of the drilling and supervision aspect of this project," Blackmoore noted.

Dominica is currently energy self sufficient for nearly forty percent of its electricity requirements due to its exploitation of local energy resources.

The government is hoping that, with the operation of a geothermal station with a gross output capability of at least 15 megawatts, this will replace diesel production and reduce the cost of electricity on the island.

"We recognize as a government that we must address the issue of high energy cost because the tariff on energy in Dominica is one of the highest in the region. We cannot get Dominica to the next level with that reality. We have to address this problem head on and this is the first administration that has been able to do that," the minister said.

"This government has taken tangible steps to make this a reality. We know that based on what we have done, that by 2015 we shall construct a small production plant so that the people of Dominica can benefit. Our analysis so far is suggesting that we can cut the energy cost by at least 40%. Our long term goal is to build a larger plant to supply energy to Guadeloupe and Martinique," he concluded.

At present the cost of electricity in Dominica is 40 US cents per kilowatt hour.

Electricity produced by a geothermal system is expected to cost between 18 and 20 US cents per kWh.

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**Som Ruthine skriver i Ordföranden har ordet kommer SWEDOM att medverka på TUR 2014. Du som vill bistå oss i montern kontaktar Ruthine.**

TUR 2014 består av fem dagar:  
Networking Day - onsdag (19 mars)  
Fackdagarna - torsdag och fredag (20-21 mars)  
Allmänhetens dagar –  
fredag från kl.14 till söndag kl. 17 (21-23 mars)

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## Nästa styrelsemöte

Har du någon fråga som du vill att SWEDOM:s styrelse ska ta upp, kontakta Ruthine. Nästa styrelsemöte är lördagen den 11 januari 2014.

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## Medlemserbjudanen 2014

Som ni vet samlar vi medlemserbjudanden och skickar ut dessa tillsammans med WK 1 varje år. Har du förslag på medlemserbjudanden som på ett eller annat sätt relaterar till SWEDOM:s verksamhet och Dominica, kontakta Berith Granath, [berith.granath@telia.com](mailto:berith.granath@telia.com)

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## SWEDOM:s årsmöte 2014

Notera redan nu att årsmötet är förlagt till lördagen den 12 april 2014. Vi kommer att vara på Reimersholme i Stockholm. Återkommer i WK 1 2014 med närmare information, förslag dagordning och valberedningens uppmaning att nominera till styrelsen.

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**Med denna bild från marknaden i Roseau vill SWEDOM:s styrelse önska alla medlemmar en GOD JUL och ett GOTT NYTT ÅR!**

**Vi vill också berätta att Ruthine och Janne tar med sig 10 000 kronor till Dominica i januari för inköp av utrustning till förskolorna och biblioteken i Kalinago.**

**Vill du fortsätta att stödja barnen i Kalinago, ge din JULGÅVA på bilagda inbetalningskort.**



## SWEDOM:s styrelse 2013

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