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Visiting Photographer Shannon Eckstein gave some Old Road youth an impromptu lesson in photography on her 'Round South tour yesterday. The kids could not get enough and Eckstein didn't seem to get enough of them either. (Photo by Gemma Hazelwood)

By Mickel Brann

Caribbean Star, the almost seven-year-old upstart, will fold into LIAT, the 50-year-old elder, as of February 1 – the date earmarked for the struggling regional carriers to form a commercial alliance on the way to a merger. But Prime Minister of St Vincent & the Grenadines, one of the airline's three major shareholders, Dr Ralph Gonsalves, was at pains, yesterday, to note that there had been neither a victor nor a vanquished.

The alliance will see the rationalizing of operations, to include a single schedule, and, going forward, all of the flight codes will be LI, designated as LIAT and all bookings will be moved from the Caribbean Star system to LIAT's.

CEO Mark Darby noted that much remains to be done in the "short and aggressive timeframe," and that all bookings with either airline for the period
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