



## THE QUALITY INSTITUTE

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) is committed to supporting higher education institutions in their quest to provide quality programmes to the nation's citizenry. Since inception, ACTT has afforded institutions the opportunity to engage in initiatives aimed at improving their policies and processes leading to improved quality of learning opportunities.

In addition to facilitating workshops and seminars for registered and accredited higher education institutions and other stakeholders, ACTT continually improves its existing offerings through review and upgrade of content and revision of training materials. This is accomplished through valuable contributions from respected educators, practitioners and quality assurance professionals locally, regionally and internationally.

In this regard, on Wednesday February 25, 2015, ACTT launched The Quality Institute. The Quality Institute seeks to streamline the quality enhancement activities of ACTT, through the consolidation of training which will be offered to higher education institutions, institutional personnel, quality assurance professionals and other stakeholders.

Rodney Amar, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, speaking on behalf of Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, stated that: *"Our institutions must remain at the forefront of technological paradigm shifts. Our employers must become more closely integrated with our institutions of higher learning. Today, this initiative augers well for the promotion of Total Quality Thinking and it is my aspiration that it will support fitness for purpose in the delivery of education and training to our people."*

The establishment of The Quality Institute is in keeping with ACTT's drive to foster a culture of quality in higher education. The training that will be

offered through The Quality Institute includes:

- **Preparing the Self-Study for Registration**
- **Guiding the Self-Study Process for Institutional Accreditation**
- **Transnational Programme Recognition**
- **Institutional Governance and Administration Workshop**
- **Managing Institutional Finances**
- **Strategic Planning for Higher Education and Training Institutions**
- **Quality Management Systems for Institutional Effectiveness**
- **Developing Policies for Higher Education Institutions**
- **Forensics of Academic, Credential and CV Fraud**
- **Calculating Credits and Determining the Level of Academic Programmes**
- **External Evaluator Training**

To promote Total Quality Thinking, ACTT will collaborate with our accredited institutions to offer a Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Quality Assurance. These initiatives will enhance the quality of the higher education product in Trinidad and Tobago through the improvement of the institutions and professionals. ▲



**Top:** Dr Michael R. Dowlath, Chairman of ACTT's Board of Directors (4th from left) unveils the new logo for The Quality Institute with Rodney Amar and Michael Bradshaw, ACTT's Executive Director (4th from right). **Above:** Dr Dowlath presents Mr Amar with a token copy of The Quality Institute brochure.