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ACTT Launches its Tobago Student Caravan











Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE) attended a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) on June 1, 2012 to re-commission its Tobago Office and Launch its Tobago Student Caravan and Digital Map of Registered and Accredited Institutions.

In re-commissioning the office, Minister Karim stated that ACTT's office will benefit the people of Tobago by offering services in real time to stakeholders. He described the Student Caravan as integral in providing optimal service to youths, especially students preparing for the next step of higher education, and to other community based organisations.

Mr Jaggernauth Soom, Permanent Secretary, MSTTE, stated that citizens would continue to have direct access to technical advice and expertise from ACTT. In addition, the office would facilitate more effective monitoring of institutions located in Tobago.

Several members of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) were also present, including Councillor Huey Cadette, Assistant Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, who spoke on behalf of the Honourable Orville London, Chief Secretary, THA. Councillor Cadette stated that the Student Caravan would assist in meeting the needs of citizens in remote areas who may not have access to internet services and congratulated ACTT for its commitment to developing modern interfaces.

Mr Ashworth Jack, Minority Leader of the THA, commended ACTT for opening a permanent home in the sister isle and reiterated the government's plan to decentralise services stating that Tobago is an equal partner. He further urged students present to take advantage of these services when pursuing higher education.

Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT, reconfirmed the organisation's dedication to Tobago and indicated the management and staff believe that equipping students with information on quality higher education will ensure informed decisions are made when selecting a programme of study. He also launched ACTT's Digital Map of Registered and Accredited institutions in Trinidad and Tobago and indicated that this map, located on ACTT's website www.actt.org.tt, identified the 70 registered and 5 accredited institutions located in the twin island Republic.

CAPTIONS:

- 1. Senator the Honourable, Minister Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education joined dignitaries and students to officially launch ACTT's Tobago Student Caravan.
- Jaggernauth Soom, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education delivered remarks on behalf of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education.
 Mr Ashworth Jack, Minority Leader of the Tobago House of Assembly (right) and Councillor Huey Cadette, Assistant Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport (left) at the head table.
- 4. Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, introduces ACTT's Tobago Staff: Nikisha Daly-Assessment Officer, Shoma Rampersad-Clarke Senior Operations Assistant, Warren Kirton Office Assistant/Courier and Princess McIntosh Trainee Clerical Assistant.
- 5. Signal Hill Alumni Choir performs a stirring rendition of Benjai's "Trini"



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