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Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago **Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries** 



Launch of the Mentorship Programme with Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Keith Rowley, Minister Khan, Parliamentary Secretary Oliverre, PS Baksh-Backredee and DPS Fraser.

#### **Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Mentorship Programme**

On Wednesday 14th August 2019, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries hosted the Launch of the Mentorship Programme for Energy Professionals. At the event, Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, delivered the feature address.

The creation of the Mentorship Programme stemmed from the intention of the Honourable Prime Minister who articulated the need for building a cadre of energy sector professionals in Trinidad and Tobago. Under the theme 'Inspiring T&T's Future' the objective of the programme is to build capacity in the Energy Sector in key technical areas. Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan explained the structure of the Mentorship Programme in his remarks. "The training programme comprises an orientation programme, technical worships (both local and foreign), short-term assignments with operating companies, field exposure and specific duties. Each participant will be assigned to a supervisor/mentor who will provide guidance, monitor and report on the participant's progress."

The vision is that participants of the Mentorship Programme would be well poised and capable of progressing the country's energy sector well into the future to the benefit of all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.



Mrs. Sheena Gosine, who spoke at the event, receives her commencement letter from Prime Minister Dr. the Hon Keith Rowley.

## **WORKING VISIT BY THE GHANA PETROLEUM COMMISSION**



16-member delegation from Ghana's Petroleum Commission, led by Mr. Prince Benjamin, paid a working visit to Brazil and Trinidad and Tobago from July 12th to July 24th. The delegation arrived in Trinidad and Tobago on July 18th and 19th 2019. The visit was a learning platform for the delegation to study the best localisation practices of the Upstream Oil and Gas industries in both Brazil and Trinidad and Tobago. Meetings and visits associated with the delegation commenced on July 22nd and included visits to the National Energy Skills Centre, St. Madeline Campus, Kenson School of Production Technology, a drive through of Point Lisas and a presentation and tour of the HHSL Safety Systems Limited facilities. The delegation departed from Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday 25th July 2019.



Minister Khan meets with Mr. Prince Benjamin, Head of the Ghana Petroleum Commission.





# THE MEANING OF REPUBLIC DAY



It is true that Trinidad and Tobago became a Republic on August 1st, 1976. However, do you know what it means to be a Republic? To be a Republic means that our state or nation is one in which supreme power rests in all the citizens entitled to vote (electorate), and is exercised by representatives elected, directly or indirectly, by them, and responsible to them. As a result, of this process, (which occurs every five years) we now have an opposition party along with government and our current Prime Minister, His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Keith Rowley. The President, Her Excellency, Paula Mae Weekes was selected by an electoral college.

In 1976, Trinidad and Tobago decided to abolish monarchy and become a republic within the Commonwealth. On August 1st, 1976, the new constitution was promulgated, and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago was born. However, September 24th, 1976, marks the first session of parliament that was held to solidify our new status as the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

## **COMING TO A FLOOR NEAR YOU!**



