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MEDIA RELEASE

Energy Minister launches Renewable Energy in Schools project

The Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs recently held a formal commissioning ceremony of its Renewable Energy in Schools Project at the Parvati Girls' Hindu College, Debe.

Senator the Honourable Kevin C. Ramnarine, Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, gave a presentation on a low-carbon economy to the audience, which provided a visually appealing explanation of the current energy mix in Trinidad and Tobago and further explained how it can be diversified through energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Working in tandem with the Ministry Of Energy and Energy Affairs was the Ministry of Education and National Energy who managed the installation process for all the photovoltaic (PV) systems and solar stills in 21 secondary schools across eight (8) educational districts of Trinidad and Tobago. Students and teachers were introduced to practical usage of Renewable Energy technologies and the many benefits to be derived.

An extensive training programme was held at the UWI and the UTT for teachers on the benefits of Renewable Energy and an understanding of how exactly Renewable Energy technologies work. With the installation of these fixtures schools no longer have to pay for electricity consumption for the lights in the library and for electricity used to boil the water for distillation.

The programme also served as an opportunity for the school to showcase an outstanding achievement, the development of their very own board game called “ClimaQuest”, which aims to provide an interactive interface for children to learn about climate change, renewable energy and



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the environment. Minister Ramnarine enjoyed a demonstration of the game after the programme, engaging with students of the school as they explained the objectives and rules.

Minister Ramnarine also made mention of a Solar House project, funded by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs, that is expected to be installed soon at the UTT Point Lisas Campus as a teaching tool for students across the country.

Twenty-five (25) more schools are scheduled to be fitted with solar PV panels and solar water stills for the year 2015.



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Photo Option 1:



Caption:

Energy Minister Kevin Ramnarine is captured here delivering the feature remarks at the Commissioning Ceremony for the Ministry's Renewable Energy in Schools Project at the Parvati Girls' Hindu College



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Photo Option 2:



Caption:

Energy Minister Kevin Ramnarine together with teachers and students from the Parvati Girls' Hindu College display the school's Energy Game, "ClimaQuest"