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# Your Chamber at Work for You!

## Forging Links

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY COURTESY CALLS WERE MADE & MEETINGS WERE ATTENDED BY THE FOLLOWING:**

– 18 Ms. Catherine Kumar, CEO of the Chamber met with Minister Jeremy Browne Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office;

- 21 The CEO attended the event ***"Thinking into Results"*** with feature speaker Bob Proctor. The event was hosted at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad;

- 25 The CEO attended the Official Launch of the Trade and Investment Convention at the Hyatt Regency Trinidad;

-26 The CEO attended the "Cocoa Research Unit Workshop" at UWI. The feature speaker was the Minister of Food Production Land and Marine Affairs - Senator the Honourable Vasant Bharath;

- 27 The CEO of the Chamber along with President of the Chamber Mrs Angella Persad, met with the Ambassador of Guatemala- H.E. Carlos Raul Morales Moscoso

## Round-up of Chamber Events

**LOOK OUT FOR:**

- ***Breakfast Meeting with Commissioner of Police- Mr Dwayne Gibbs – Thursday 3rd February 2011***

- ***ASYCUDA World Training, Wednesday 16th February to Friday 18th February 2011***

- **The East Port of Spain Development Company Limited & Chamber Breakfast Session, Friday 18th February 2011**

### 2011 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR T&T

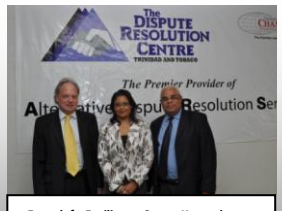
**From left: Mr Moonilal Lalchan – Vice President of T&TCIC; Ms Catherine Kumar – CEO of T&TCIC; Mr Ewart Williams – Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago; Mrs Angella Persad, President of T&TCIC; Ms Amoy Chang Fong – Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation; the Honourable Stephen Cadiz – Minister of Trade and Industry.**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce hosted its first breakfast meeting for the year on Friday 14th January, 2011. The theme entitled "2011 Business and Economic Outlook for Trinidad and Tobago" hosted an esteemed group of panelists which included the Honourable Stephen Cadiz – Minister of Trade and Industry; Mr Ewart Williams – Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago; Ms Amoy Chang Fong – Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation and Mr Moonilal Lalchan – Vice President, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Mrs Angella Persad, Chamber President moderated the discussion. **The Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation partnered with the Chamber to host this event.**

### FIRST QUARTERLY BUSINESS LUNCHEON FEATURING THE HONOURABLE JACK AUSTIN WARNER – MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

The Honourable Jack Austin Warner – Minister of Works and Transport kick started the Chamber's First Quarterly Business Luncheon on Monday 24th January 2011. Some of the topics discussed during his presentation included the expansion of the Churchill Roosevelt Highway from San Fernando to Point Fortin; the Ministry's approach to the country's traffic situation; the regularization of the "PH Taxi" operators and the expansion of the Water Taxi service. Minister Warner was accompanied by Ms Cheryl Blackman – Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Transport.

# Chamber UNITS




From left: Facilitator Stuart Kennedy, DRC Executive Director Beverly Britain, DRC Chairman Raoul John

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE (DRC)

**RESOLVING CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES THROUGH ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The DRC launched 2011 with a breakfast meeting to bring awareness of its ADR services for resolving Construction Disputes. It ranges from arbitration and mediation to conciliation, expert determination and DAB's. The Centre invites local and regional construction professionals to apply to serve on the DRC's specialized roster to service the construction sector and provides relevant training. Contact the DRC at 1-868-632-4051 or drc@chamber.org.tt

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNIT (ITNU)

The ITNU has been involved in supporting the preparations for the upcoming Partial Scope agreement negotiations between Panama and Trinidad and Tobago. These negotiations will be held from 25 to 27 January 2010 on during the Panamanian Minister of Commerce's visit to this country. The Trinidad and Tobago Negotiating team will be led by Ambassador of Trade, Mervyn Assam. In preparation for the meeting, the ITNU and the Chamber has been involved in three meetings at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reviewing the text submitted by the Government of Panama and making the appropriate suggestions for amendment. ITNU has also been involved in making suggestions related to the restricted list of goods and services that would be proposed for preferential treatment. Members are requested to note that it is the intention of the Government to develop other similar agreements with countries in Central America

# CONTACT with the Chamber

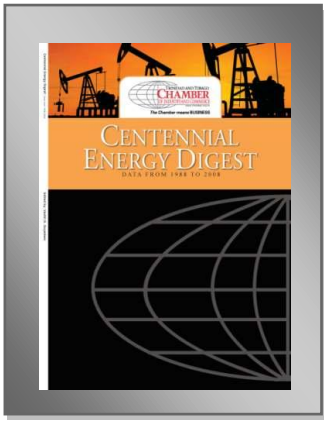
***"CONTACT with the Chamber"*** is the Chamber's radio programme. It is aired every Tuesday at 8:30a.m. for five minutes on the I95.5FM morning show with Tony and Dale.

The programme is voiced by the CEO of the Chamber, Ms Catherine Kumar and is one of the means by which the Chamber communicates with members and the society at large.

The series focuses on business-oriented subjects, social responsibility and other issues affecting our Country. In January the series focused on the following topics: Joie de Vivre; Farewell to Sir Ellis Clarke; Productivity; and 2011 Business and Economic Outlook for Trinidad and Tobago.

**CONTACT with the Chamber** for January was sponsored by Chamber member: **Telecommunications Services of Trinidad & Tobago (TSTT) – *BMOBILE.***

Short-term sponsorship of the programme is offered to all Chamber members. For more information please contact: Malika Rouff, Marketing and Communications Officer at 637-6966 Ext. 289 / mrouff@chamber.org.tt




# Research & Publications

## "Developing R&D to enable you to make more informed decisions"

### CENTENNIAL ENERGY DIGEST

The Centennial Energy Digest received endorsements from the Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**The Hon. Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan, Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs**

*'The "Centennial Energy Digest" is an extremely valuable addition to locally developed literature on the Trinidad and Tobago Energy Sector. It provides extensive information on the history of the sector, and is a solid reference point for anyone wanting to know about the growth of energy in Trinidad and Tobago.'*

**The Hon. Dr. Surujattan Rambarran, Minister of Foreign Affairs.**

*'I would like to congratulate the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce in completing the Centennial Energy Digest.....I strongly recommend all stakeholders to pursue a copy not only, for its commemorative worth, but the wealth of information it possesses.'*

### INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A COPY OF THE CENTENNIAL ENERGY DIGEST?

The Centennial Energy Digest is now available for sale at a **50% discounted price** of TT $2,400.00. Students can take advantage of the Student's special of TT $1,800.00. (Students must present a valid student ID). **To purchase your copy please call the Chamber's office at 637-6966.**

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