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T&T Chamber Advocates for Collaboration with Ministry of Health to Enhance Nutrition Programs

A delegation of twelve esteemed members representing the Food and Beverage Sectors convened with the Honorable Minister of Health, Mr. Terrance Deyalsingh, and its officials today (May 3rd, 2024) at the Ministry of Health's Head Office located at 4-6 Queen's Park East, Port of Spain. The discussion provided an update to the Minister of Health on the implementation of health initiatives aimed at providing healthier alternatives to consumers. The meeting underscored the collective commitment between the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (T&T Chamber) and the Ministry of Health in addressing pressing health concerns in the nation.

Led by Ms. Kiran Maharaj, President of the T&T Chamber, the delegation included Agostini Limited, Caribbean Bottlers, Pappy's Chicken, Prestige Holdings, Restaurant Holding Limited, Royal Castle and SM Jaleel. The President of the T&T Chamber emphasized the importance of fostering closer collaboration between the Ministry of Health and the Private Sector. Ms. Maharaj articulated the need for robust support from the Government and its state entities to enable strategic initiatives that promote healthier lifestyles across Trinidad and Tobago.

The Honorable Minister Deyalsingh referenced the Ministry of Health's National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases on the Ministry's website. The meeting allowed for a presentation on private sector initiatives which provided insight that indicate alignment with the Ministry of Health's ongoing effort. Minister Deyalsingh expressed his satisfaction with the work being done by the private sector and stakeholders addressing the pervasive challenges posed by non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the country.

"Through strategic partnerships and a shared commitment to public health, we can collectively drive sustainable change and promote healthier lifestyles for all citizens." Ms. Maharaj remarked.

The meeting concluded with a consensus on the need for ongoing dialogue and cooperation between the public and private sectors. The T&T Chamber reaffirmed its dedication to working hand in hand with the Ministry of Health to realize tangible outcomes and foster a healthier future for Trinidad and Tobago.

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