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Central Bank takes its 60th Anniversary School Outreach and “60 Years, 60 Trees” Initiative to Tobago

Port of Spain, Trinidad. September 16, 2024 – The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago continued its 60th Anniversary celebrations with two impactful outreach activities in Tobago on September 13 and 14, 2024. These activities, led by Central Bank Governor Alvin Hilaire, showcased the Bank's commitment to financial education and environmental sustainability across the nation.

On Friday, September 13, the Bank hosted a special Schools Outreach Day at the Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort in Tobago. Over 100 students from 16 primary and secondary schools across the island participated in an engaging half-day session. Central Bank Governor Alvin Hilaire and a team from the Bank led interactive activities designed to deepen students' understanding of financial literacy, currency education, and the roles and functions of the Central Bank. The educational initiative in Tobago builds upon the successful Schools Outreach Week held in Trinidad in June, which reached students from 24 primary and secondary schools. A high-energy “Chant Out” segment, where students had the opportunity to freestyle lyrics to popular music using the words “sixty, money and bank”, was a mainstay of the sessions of both islands.

Following the educational event, the Bank organized a “60 Years, 60 Trees” tree planting activity in Richmond, Tobago, on September 14. This initiative, an expansion of tree planting held in Trinidad in May 2024, where 60 poui trees were planted along Lady Chancellor Hill in Port of Spain – was done in collaboration with the Tobago Reforestation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme (TRWRP) and G.A. Finisherz, the assigned contractors for the area.

Governor Hilaire and staff of the Bank joined students from Bishops High School, Mason Hall Government Primary, Harmon SDA, and Mason Hall Secondary to plant 60 trees of various species at the Richmond site, which is being developed as both a recreational site and an additional location to promote eco-tourism on the island.

Nicole Crooks – Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial, and External Relations at the Bank, stated, “As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we are proud to extend our educational and environmental initiatives to Tobago. These activities not only commemorate our history but demonstrate our continued investment in our youth by empowering them with financial knowledge and promoting environmental stewardship. We are truly grateful for the connections and partnerships built through these initiatives in Tobago and look forward to further deepening these relationships as we advance our education and outreach agenda.”

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Photo Captions:



Photo 1 – Staff of the Bank alongside students from Mason Hall Government Primary School at the tree planting.



Photo 2 – Governor Alvin Hilare addressing students at the School Outreach Day on September 13.



Photo 3 – Environmental students of Bishops High School show off their trees.



Photo 4 – Students intently craft their tunes in advance of the “Chant Out” segment.



Photo 5 – Patrick Solomon, Inspector of Financial Institutions, was also part of the Bank’s contingent at the tree planting.



Photo 6 – Students and TRWRP team members plant trees along the coastal area in Richmond.



Photo 7 – Engaged students of the Signal Hill Secondary School enjoy CBTT's School Outreach Day.



Photo 8 - Nicole Crooks, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Industrial, and External Relations, shares a light moment with the students at the close of the School Outreach Day.



Photo 9 – (L-R) Christine Nanton-Winter, Assistant Manager – External Relations and Nicole Crooks present a giveaway token to a Harmon School of S.D.A. student.



Photo 10 – Governor Alvin Hilaire (R), joined by Dedan Daniel, Chairman of the Tobago Reforestation and Watershed Rehabilitation Programme, plants the first tree to kick off the Tobago leg of the “60 Years, 60 Trees” initiative.



Photo 11 - Dedan Daniel, TRWRP Chairman (at left) and Kelly Mannette, TRWRP Interim General Manager (at right), joined by Central Bank staff and school representatives at the tree planting in Richmond.