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MINISTER ATTENDS LAUNCH OF FOUR INITIATIVES



Minister Devant Maharaj cuts the ribbon to open the workshop, with Chairman Joseph Toney(R) assisting. From left are Leon Grant (Dep. CEO TTIT), Commissioner Sham Ghool and Deputy Chairman Suresh Gangapersad

The Port's Line Minister (transport), Senator The Honourable Devant Maharaj and Chairman, Joseph Toney, were honoured guests at the launch of four major initiatives on Monday 28th May. The four initiatives were: NAVIS SPARCS N4 terminal operating system, the redesigned website, two new ECH's and an Equipment Maintenance Workshop.

Minister Maharaj gave the feature address, focusing on the importance of providing outstanding customer service delivery. The Minister pointed out that the initiatives, especially the world-class NAVIS SPARCS N4 system, are all geared towards achieving greater efficiency at a better cost. Chairman Joseph Toney noted that the initiatives of the port are clearly aligned to the government's diversification thrust in the non-energy sector. He also went on to say that, "the new perspective of PPOS is to constantly step up operations and the way we do business, with industry standards as our ever-present yardstick. Of course, the valuable input and efforts of our employees, and ongoing

collaboration with the representing union – the Seamen and Waterfront Workers' Trade Union – are paramount in reaching international benchmarks, and realizing high customer satisfaction."

General Manager and CEO, Colin Lucas, delivered the welcome address and Executive Manager Operations Kelvin Harris gave the vote of thanks. Presenters for the launch included: Public Relations Manager, Betty Ann Gibbons (new website); Head of IT, Hugh Gibson (NAVIS SPARCS N4); and Engineering Manager, David King, (ECH's and workshop).

The week before, on Wednesday 23rd May, an internal launch was held. Employees were informed that the objective of the initiatives was to achieve higher efficiency and productivity; with NAVIS and the new website also adding greater value for customers by making it easier to do business with the port.

BONITO AND SNAPPER MOVE ON



After more than 30 years service, the Port recently bade farewell to the Tugs - Bonito and Snapper. Manufactured in 1980, these tugs provided immeasurable service to the Authority, but had to be sold to make way for more modern equipment to meet the needs of the Port's growing maritime industry. Tenders for the acquisition of two tugs were advertised in the press and the Authority is presently in the process of evaluating the proposals received.

FUSION VI – AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



One of the winning teams receives prize cheque from the Fusion Girls

Fusion VI was a resounding success and it was evident on Saturday 9th June that the event has gained immense popularity throughout the country. The event – which tests both physical and mental abilities - was started in 2007 by the Port Authority Sport Club, with fourteen teams taking part. For 2012, 73 teams participated in the event, with a total of 292 competing individuals (four persons per team).

There was a new challenge trophy at stake, the former taking up permanent residence with Eco Adventurers, three-time winners (2009 – 2011). Eco Adventurers could only manage to secure fifth place this year, tying with T&T Defence Force II.

This year the Port Authority fielded only two teams, but still managed to capture a spot in winners' row with 'Elite Killers' placing third in the Mixed Teams category. But the day belonged to Fantastic Four, a group of adventure trailers who proudly walked away with the challenge trophy and the \$10,000 prize cheque. They were followed by Peake's 'Bush Warriors', 'Now You Don't' (an adventure trail group), and T&T Defense Force I.

Representing the Port's Management Team at the prize giving function were GM/CEO, Mr. Colin Lucas, Ms. Erva Bruno - Port Secretary, and Ms. Betty Ann Gibbons - Public Relations Manager.

MASSIVE TANKS DELIVERED INTACT



Tank being placed on truck bed for delivery to Carib Brewery

Once again, PPOS' Operations personnel have proven that they can take on a challenge. On May 15th three fermenting tanks, each 74 feet long and 24 feet high, arrived at the Port of Port of Spain on board the 'Artis Gratch' consigned to Carib Brewery.

Discharging cargo of such magnitude is a highly intricate operation, requiring skill and dexterity; and the task was competently handled by port operations employees. It took approximately four hours and a team comprising two Gottwald operators, four ship crane operators, three deckhands and six hatchmen, to fully discharge the tanks - which were accompanied by four containers filled with complementary fittings.

The statistics speak for themselves, especially when one considers that it took ten hours, a convoy of 30 vehicles with police out-riders and employees of TSTT, T&TEC, Flow Trinidad and the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, to have the tanks delivered safely from Port of Spain to the brewery at Champs Fleurs.