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## FAREWELL .....

### Mr. Victor Quintin - Divisional Manager, Operations

After 40 years service with the Port Authority, on September 30th., Mr. Victor Quintin, Divisional Manager Operations, bade farewell to the organization that he literally grew up in, as well as to his friends, many of whom joined the Authority within mere months of his employment.

It was a time on reminisce of the good old days. Mr. Quintin's many experiences painted a picture of a dedicated employee whose love for his job and the organization was demonstrated in his eagerness to go the extra mile. He boasted of never being late and always regular at work. He was acknowledged as a 'walking encyclopaedia of Port Operations' , a title which no one could deny is clearly attributable to him.



Candice Gomez with Victor Quintin

His successor, Mr. Ricardo Gonzales, admitted that he has big shoes to fill and questioned his capabilities, but always eager to share his knowledge, Quintin ran to his rescue extending an invitation to call him if he ever needed assistance.

### Ms. Ameerah Al Amin - Industrial Nurse

Surprise ! And indeed she was. Ameerah Al Amin , Industrial Nurse could not subdue her emotions when she entered the Conference Room during the lunch hour on Wednesday October 8th. The room was transformed into a buffet-styled luncheon setting with a



Ameerah with Dr. Roach and Ms. Moise

head table comprising Dr. Sonia Roach, Port's Medical Superintendent; Ms. Vernessia Moise, Divisional Manager, Human Resources (Ag.) and Ms. Charmaine Lewis, General Manager/CEO (Ag.).

In thanking Ameerah for her service, it was clear that Dr. Roach was emotionally moved, her voice cracking at times, as she spoke of a lady whose enthusiasm and experience heralded a welcome change to the Waterfront Clinic. Ms. Lewis, General Manager/CEO (Ag.), thanked Ameerah for her service to the organization, while Patrice Farrell of the Berthing Office

delivered an emotional 'expression of gratitude' thanking 'Nursie' for the 'maternal' influence in her life.

### **Ms. Kathleen Maxwell - Ag. C.E.O. (POSINCO)**

As she entered the Conference Room in true majestic style, escorted by Mr. Selwyn Wong, (Port's Legal Officer), to the song 'She's Royal', Kathleen Maxwell, joined her husband, her daughter, Mr. Kelvin Harris and Port's General Manager/CEO (Ag.), Charmaine Lewis at the Head Table where she sat as the Guest of Honour on the day.



**Ms. Maxwell at the Head table with her husband and daughter**

Almost everyone present at the farewell function held on October 22nd., offered complimentary remarks as they bade farewell to a lady who has gained the respect and admiration for her professionalism, thoroughness and dedication during her 30-year tenure at the Port.



**A blushing Mrs. Maxwell receives a token**

It was evident that Mrs. Maxwell, Former Acting CEO (POSINCO), could not hold back the tears, intermittently wiping them away, moved by the expressions of love and appreciation extended by all present. M.C. of the evening's proceedings, Mr. Ricardo Gonzales invited all to stand. Pearl Narcis then offered a prayer followed by an invitation to join her in song as they serenaded her with Whitney Huston's, 'That's What Friends are For'.

It was indeed an evening to remember.

### **STS #2 GETS UPGRADE**

Employees of the Crane Maintenance Department are presently upgrading the drive system on Ship to Shore Crane #2. Manufactured in 1970, the crane's old Analog Control System will be replaced with a newly installed Programmable Logic Base Control System, which will result in a safer and more reliable control of the equipment.

Heading the team are Electrical Engineers Sheldon Smith and Shazad Ali with Electricians Akino Edwards and Shazard Khan. Suppliers of the crane, Nidec Avtron Automation Corporation of the U.S.A., are also on board to offer any technical assistance that may be needed.

The project which began on November 3rd. is scheduled for completion in four weeks.

### **PORT HOSTS DIVALI CELEBRATIONS**

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago held its annual Divali celebrations on Monday 20th October 2014. Employees were invited to an educational session on the holy festival which took the form of an interview with television host 'Paul Richards'. With a convincing impersonation of Mr. Richards, employee Lorne Sandy, embraced the esteemed opportunity of interviewing Ms. Geeta Ramsingh, President of the Hindu Prachar Kendra, who gave an enlightening, detailed explanation of the religious celebration.



**Geeta Ramsingh performs a puja with Commissioner Sham Ghool**

The interview had all the 'trimmings' of a talk show, including commercial breaks and a 'call-in' segment for viewers. This was followed by the parade of traditional East Indian garments, where male and female employees donned their saris, shalwars, ghaghras, dhoti kurtas and sherwanis, as they paraded to the melodious sounds of D.J. Anil Jagdeo. Racquel Ramsaran made an impressionable appearance, as she was introduced by Adesh Samaroo, who also gave an abridged rendition of his hit 'Rajin Jheem Jheem Joom'. Members of the Maya Shakti Dance Troupe of Sangre Grande entertained the 'studio audience' with an effective choreography of the Lord Shiva Dance.



**Adesh Samaroo serenades Racquel, winner of the female category in the fashion competition**



**Lorne Sandy (Paul Richards) appropriately attired to conduct the interview**

It proved a Herculean task for the judges, Geeta Ramsingh and Commissioner of the Port Authority, Mr. Sham Ghool, who after much deliberation, declared



**Dennis Marajh in his winning outfit**

Dennis Marajh of the Barrel Shop and Racquel Ramsaran of the Finance Department, male and female winners, respectively. At the end of the proceedings all very invited to partake of rotis, soft drinks and East Indian sweets, specially prepared to celebrate the festive occasion.

## 21 MOVE UP IN THE PORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Twenty-one employees of the Port Police Department were recently promoted, among them the lone female constable, Denille Burgess-Gracen, who was promoted to the position of Estate Corporal.



**Corporal Gracen shows off her stripes**

Two Estate Sergeants, Wesker Williams and Dilraj Doolarchan, were promoted to the rank of Estate Inspector, while Corporals Knolly Marshall, Rajkumar Dolam, Rooplal Rajh, Franklyn Richards and Nankishor Gheesan, now wear uniforms with three stripes, symbolic of their new portfolio of Estate Sergeant.

Constables K.Rowley, L.Murray (Tobago), H. Charles, R. Moore, D. Baptiste, D. Inniss, B. Nelson, D. Thomas, A. Nichols (Tobago), E. Sharpe and R. Moon are all now Estate Corporals.

Portside congratulates these employees on their promotions.

### **SURPRISE SHURLAND!**

Tally Clerk, Shurland Ryan now drives a new Mini One vehicle. He may be the envy of everyone, not

necessarily because of his brand new vehicle, but because he did not pay for it. Yes, he WON it in the bmobile Blu Mini One promotion.



**An elated Shurland did not even notice the bmobile beauties**

On October 3rd, Shurland left his Mt. Hope home and headed to the Port Authority at the request of his boss, Ricardo Gonzales. Little did he know that his 11 o'clock appointment was a cleverly-concocted scheme between bmobile and the P.R. Office to present him with his new vehicle.

Shurland confessed that he had never even won a raffle and admitted that this was the best surprise he ever had.

