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PORT HOSTS STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW



GM/CEO Colin Lucas speaks while Commissioner Nirmala Harrylal, Deputy Chairman Suresh Gangapersad and PS Verna Johnson listen at head table

The Port of Port of Spain [PPOS], hosted a Strategic Plan Stakeholder's Forum, on Tuesday 24, October 2012 at the Cruise Ship Complex. The objective of the meeting was to sensitize key stakeholders in the shipping fraternity and the banking and investment sector about PPOS' plans for revitalizing its operations and how the private sector can partner with it in achieving its goals of operational and financial sustainability.

In attendance was the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Ms. Verna Johnson, who committed the Ministry's support to reviewing the needs of the cargo handling unit. The Deputy Chairman PATT, Mr. Suresh Gangapersad, gave the feature address in which he outlined "the refreshed vision and mission of the Authority" and the change in the institutional culture to one of accountability, assessment and continuous communication with stakeholders.

A presentation titled "*Positioning PPOS For Operational Efficiency & A Sustainable Future*" was delivered by the Executive Manger Operations, Mr. Kelvin Harris, in which were highlighted the current strengths and challenges confronting PPOS, and the projects targeted for completion in 2012 – 2016, along with the funding requirements that would competitively position the entity to rival its Regional Peer ports in the transshipment and domestic cargo businesses.

The open forum session, chaired by the General Manager / CEO, Mr. Colin Lucas, which followed, elicited valuable comments and suggestions from stakeholders, which will be taken on board by the PATT Management in revising its Strategic Plan to meet their needs.

Amadea – First for Tobago Cruise Season



The Amadea was the first cruise ship to call in Tobago for the 2012 to 2013 season, carrying 600 passengers on board. The ship docked at 7:00am on Tuesday 30th October, and the mostly German passengers spent the

day on various tours throughout the island. One of the most popular tours was a visit to Pigeon Point, where visitors enjoyed the beach, restaurants and bar facilities.

On site to observe the welcome of passengers at the new arrival hall at the Port of Scarborough, and to identify any areas that could be further improved, were: Commissioner Dorant Jack, Balkaran Maharaj – Supervisor of Cruise Shipping, and Betty Ann Gibbons – Public Relations Manager. Work continues on the upgrade of the hall, to ensure that cruise visitors have a positive experience from the moment they arrive in Tobago. The Amadea set sail at 9:00pm that evening.

winners were: Neisha Seebaran, Ambika Rampersad-Mahase and Trudy Gill-Conlon. The male winner was Lindon Sinanan of the Security Department.



East Indian wear segment

In addition to the great performances, delicious vegetarian dishes were also enjoyed by those attending the event.

DIVALI CELEBRATIONS 2012



GM/CEO Colin Lucas, Deputy Chairman Suresh Gangapersad and Commissioner Patricia Herry light diyas

It was an evening of splendour and entertainment at the Port's 2012 Diwali celebrations, held on the evening of Tuesday 6th November, at the Cruise Ship car park. With live performances by Andaz International Orchestra, the audience was treated to a variety of classical entertainment in song and dance. Deyas were lit by Deputy Chairman - Suresh Gangapersad, Commissioners Nirmala Harrylal and Patricia Herry, the GM/CEO- Colin Lucas, as well as members of the audience.

Tassa drumming accompanied the lively Ramleela excerpt, put on by the Avocat Ramleela Group. Another highlight of the evening was the East Indian wear competition, for both males and females. The female



Performers act out the Ramleela excerpt



Commissioner Nirmala Harrylal (L) enjoys the show