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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**South Student tops Regional Tourism Competition**

A student from Trinidad and Tobago has copped the first prize in the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Foundation Children's Environmental Poster Competition.

Twelve-year old Suvan Subance, formerly of San Fernando, T.M.L. Primary School, won the competition which was held under the theme "Solutions for Ocean Pollution." His piece entitled *Generation Blue* was submitted by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts on behalf of Destination Trinidad and Tobago. Every year, the Ministry submits posters and essays from students across the country.

Young Subance's creation is a collage depicting a large leatherback turtle surrounded by two different environments: one with trash and oil, and the other with clear blue, pristine waters. Leatherback turtles have the second largest nesting ground in Trinidad.

"Preventing ocean pollution makes sure that all ocean life, endangered or not, are alive for generations to enjoy. We all have a part to play in protecting such species not just for now but for the future," explained Subance.

The regional competition promotes and stimulates environmental awareness among Caribbean students while educating the younger generation.

The Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, the Honourable Randall Mitchell said the win reinforced Trinidad and Tobago's environmental consciousness and young Subance's artistic creativity and talent.

He said, "*Generation Blue* puts Suvan and the country on the map. His piece captures an attraction so many flock to our beaches to see, while highlighting the environmental challenges we face. It's a message that resonates with us, and complements the work of the Ministry as we promote sustainable tourism."

Subance, who collected his prize at a brief prize giving ceremony on Saturday 31 October 2020 at the Naparima Bowl, was successful in the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) exams and now attends his first choice, Naparima Boys' College.



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Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell (left) presents Suvan Subance with a token from the Ministry at Naparima Bowl, San Fernando. Subance won the first prize for the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Foundation Children's Environmental Poster Competition which seeks to promote and stimulate environmental awareness among students.



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Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell (left) with the winner of the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Foundation Children's Environmental Poster Competition, Suvan Subance (centre) and the student's former principal, Wahida Mohammed-Narine of the San Fernando, T.M.L. Primary School. Subance was successful in the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) exams and now attends Naparima Boys' College.