

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVING FOR
WINNERS OF FCCA ESSAY
COMPETITION**

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Date: Thursday August 04, 2016

Venue: Level 9 Conference Room, Ministry of Tourism, Tower C,

Time: 10.30am

- Mrs. Sati Jamraj Marimuthu, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
 - Mr. Warren Solomon, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Tourism Development Company Limited (TDC) and the TDC Management Team
 - The Executive Management Team of the Ministry of Tourism
 - Esteemed Winners of the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (oftentimes referred to as FCCA) Competition - Ms. Jordan Daniel-Christopher and Ms. Amelia Seepersad
 - Parents and Teachers
 - Judges of the FCCA Essay Competition
 - Other Specially Invited Guests
 - Members of the Media
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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Good Morning.

My task this morning is a simple one – to welcome each and every one of you to the Prize Giving Ceremony for the Trinidad and Tobago segment of the prestigious FCCA Essay Competition,

The Florida Caribbean Cruise Association, operating out of Miami USA, has run this annual Essay Competition – and its ancillary poster contest – for over twenty (20) years.

A competition that is widely embraced by virtually all of our Caribbean neighbours, this initiative exposes students to the local and global

cruise industry and sensitise them regarding the contribution of the cruise industry to the overall economic development of the Caribbean region.

Given that one of the Ministry's initiatives is to build awareness among the local population of the tourism product, its benefits and its opportunities, we felt that participation in this essay competition was not an opportunity to be missed.

The objectives of the local leg of the FCCA essay competition were to:

- 1) Encourage and promote an awareness of the national tourism industry to the youths of Trinidad and Tobago
- 2) Stimulate awareness among the youths about our cruise industry
- 3) Promote development of youths' writing skills

This morning we have with us the winners of the competition who I am sure worked very hard at their essays and are here to reap their rewards today.

Congratulations to the winners and to all those who supported them in this exercise.

With these few words, I thank you.

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