

GREEN OFFICE WEEK RAISING AWARENESS

The CEDP Secretariat's Green Office Week was a resounding success, and not just because of the participation it attracted.

The competition is also achieving one major objective of the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan 2.0 (CEDP), which is to create awareness about the importance of keeping Tobago clean, green, safe and serene.

The Secretariat's coordinator Dr. Elton Bobb said the challenge highlighted the importance of acting to conserve the environment.

"One of the many issues we need to be aware of is the number of cars on the road. Where all those batteries going

when they dead, in some waste somewhere?" Bobb asked. "The point I'm trying to make is these are some of the critical things we need to consider if we are coming into a place where 'Clean, Green, Safe and Serene' must mean something."

The experience was one to remember for the winning team, the Division of Agriculture, Marine Affairs, Marketing and the Environment.

"It was really nice to go through the whole department telling everyone 'hey, no printing' and all the garbage in different trays, which going where," one participant said.

The Secretariat hopes that these initiatives will continue beyond "Green Office Week".

GORDON AND HACKETT SECURE NACAC MEDALS

When Trinidad and Tobago returns home from this weekend's North American and Central American Athletic Championships (NACAC) in Costa Rica, it will be with an impressive collection of ten medals.

Tobago contributed one gold and one silver medal via Lalonde Gordon (400 metres) and Semoy Hackett (200 metres) respectively, out of a haul of two gold, three silver and five bronze medals.

Gordon clocked an impressive time of 44.64 seconds to secure the victory, and was not far off from

his personal best of 44.52, which the quartermiler achieved during the 2012 London Olympics. Gordon went on to claim Olympic bronze in that competition.

Hackett, though, finished second to American sprinter Kyra Jefferson in a tight finish.

Jefferson clocked 22.50, just one hundredth of a second ahead of Hackett's new personal best of 22.51.

Shakiel Waithe narrowly missed out on a spot in the podium with a commendable fifth placing in the Men's Javelin Throw event, but Josanne Lucas failed to get past the preliminary round.



BON ACCORD COMES ALIVE: The Tobago Heritage Festival stopped in Bon Accord on Thursday (August 6, 2015) with a stage production themed: "It takes a village to raise a child". Here dancers perform during the production.

YOUNGSTERS LEARN THE FASHION FUNDAMENTALS

Tobago's teenagers and young adults had a chance to learn the basics of fashion in the recent Fashion Fundamentals vacation camp. The camp was put on by the Division of Community Development and Culture, Dr Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus, who said the programme is part of the Assembly's development plans.

"The THA cannot continue to talk about diversifying the economy without putting the opportunities in place to attract our young people into other areas and into other careers," Tsoiafatt-Angus said.

Camp coordinator Jamelia Alexander, said the camp taught more than just fashion.

Alexander said: "We do surface treatments and creative visual boards... They are taught styling, they are taught illustration for fashion to equip them to be a part of the industry."

Alana Roberts participated in the advanced programme, and found the camp very beneficial. "Being involved in the camp really taught me a lot, not just in terms of design but also management of fashion.

"Also we need a lot of people in order to create certain things," Roberts said.