



THA gets appointments on State boards

LONDON: THA REPRESENTATION CRITICAL

For the past five years, Chief Secretary Orville London has been calling for Tobago's interests to be represented on State boards. Decisions made on many key State boards can impact Tobago, such as WASA, the Airports Authority, the Port Authority and the National Carnival Commission.

London's call is finally being heeded, with a few appointments already being made to represent the Tobago House of Assembly. "We consider this to be critical," the Chief Secretary said. "There are a number of boards whose decisions impact significantly on

Tobago and it means that if the Tobago input isn't made available to the decision makers on those Boards, a lot of the times the decisions they make are either not relevant to Tobago or not of importance to Tobago." London said the importance of such appointments should not be underestimated,

and he expects the trend to continue. "All of those Boards (where we have appointments) are which we think our representation is critical," he stated. "We expect that that process will continue and not only will there be Tobago representation but THA representation."



AMBASSADOR VISITS: Venezuelan Ambassador Coromoto Godoy-Calderon, left, presents a gift to Secretary of Community Development and Culture, Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus during Thursday's courtesy call.

TOBAGO EYES CULTURAL COLLABORATION WITH VENEZUELA

The Division of Community Development and Culture is exploring the possibility of a cultural exchange programme between Tobago and Venezuela. Yesterday (October 8, 2015), Culture Secretary, Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus, met with Venezuelan Ambassador Coromoto Godoy-Calderón during a courtesy visit at the Division's Glen Road, Scarborough office. One of the ideas discussed includes the visit of a parang group to

Venezuela, and that country's participation in Tobago's Carnival 2016 celebrations. Talks also covered a possible collaboration in a number of the Embassy's programmes in Trinidad and Tobago, including classes in conversational Spanish, and playing the cuatro. A reciprocal exhibition initiative—where the work of Venezuelan artist Armando Reveron will be featured in Tobago, while Trinidad and Tobago's artists will also gain exposure in Venezuela—is also being considered.

'CHIC' IS T&T'S TOP SMALL HOTEL

Bon Accord's Chic Hotel began sporting a new look in 2013 after re-branding and upgrading its facilities in 2013. The decision turned out to be a very good one for the venue, which was named Small Hotel of the Year by the Trinidad Hotels, Restaurants and Tourism Association. The

hotel received the award from the Secretary of Tourism and Transportation at a recent Gala function in Trinidad. Chic Hotel's manager, Troy Murray, attributes its success to the physical renovation of the hotel, as well as its "red carpet" customer service, which he said makes the hotel stand out amongst its

competitors. "The service from our staff is second to none," Murray said. "We've gone through a very detailed training programme with our staff from inception and also when they're hired, so we are just happy to see that our efforts are bearing fruit." The hotel has more than 30 rooms, a

restaurant and pub, a meeting room, swimming pool and gymnasium. Murray said this achievement is not just for the hotel, but the island as well. It means that stay-over visitors to Tobago can be sure they have an additional option for accommodation that's at a high standard.

