

TIES WITH GOV'T KEY TO DEVELOPMENT

A partnership between the Tobago House of Assembly and Central Government has been “missing” over the last five years, and Chief Secretary Orville London is optimistic that this will improve with the new administration. The Chief Secretary said in addition to being pleased with the resources Tobago

will receive, the Assembly is now experiencing a collaborative relationship with Central Government, which will aid the island's development. He indicated Central Government's commitment to look at air and sea transportation was important, especially for domestic tourism, which “has

the potential to be the most significant element in the tourism sector in Tobago.” In addition, London said state board decisions impacted significantly on Tobago and Central Government's appointment of THA representation to the boards was important. “No longer can we complain about not having

representation on boards like WASA, the Airport Authority, the Port Authority, and the National Carnival Commission,” he said. London also hailed Tobago's allocation of \$2.772 billion, plus a further 1.13 billion in direct expenditure as “fair,” given the economic challenges the country is facing.

\$15M FOR NEW SCARBOROUGH RC SCHOOL

The construction of a new compound for Scarborough RC Primary School is expected to begin soon, with Chief Secretary Orville London announcing that funds are finally available to begin the project.

London announced during Wednesday's media briefing at the Administrative Complex, Calder Hall, that \$15 million has been earmarked for the project.

“The allocation this year is \$15 million,” he said, “which is enough for us to start the tendering and the procurement processes and hopefully break ground before the end of this fiscal year and that of course is something that brings a lot of relief to us.”

The school has been housed in Uptown, Scarborough, but the THA promised to construct a new school in Smithfield, Lower Scarborough, because of deteriorating conditions at the old building. The project has not yet started due to a lack of funding.



MARCH PAST CHAMPS: Pentecostal Light and Life Foundation High School's netball team salutes dignitaries at the opening of the 2015/2016 National Secondary Schools Netball Association Tobago Zone at Shaw Park on Tuesday (October 6, 2015). The school won the March Past.

PENTECOSTALS 'LIGHT UP' NETBALL MARCH PAST

For the third successive year, Pentecostal Light and Life Foundation High School shone brightly to snare the March Pass on opening day of the Tobago Zone of the Secondary Schools Netball League. The returning champs beat out seven other competitors at the Shaw Park Recreation Ground on Tuesday to secure their “hat-trick”, including Mason Hill Secondary and Signal Hill Secondary, which finished

second and third respectively. Only Speyside Secondary missed the event due to inclement weather, which prevented them from traveling to the venue. There was a tie for fourth place by Bishop's High School and Scarborough Secondary. The competition was opened by Assistant Secretary of the Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport (DEYAS) Jomo Pitt, who blew the bull horn to officially start the 2015-2016

schools netball season. DEYAS Administrator Dianne Baker-Henry exhorted the students to play fair, and reminded them of the importance of sports in improving physical health and students' self-esteem and academic achievement. “It also builds confidence among participants while those involved in team sports also experience a higher level of connectivity and team work among their peers,” Baker-Henry said.