

TOBAGO DAY TO OPEN WITH PRAISE

Tobago Day has replaced Assembly Day, traditionally celebrated on December 4.

The inaugural Tobago Day celebrations start next Wednesday (Dec 2) with “Joyful, Joyful”, a Praise and Worship service.

The public is invited to attend the free event at Shaw Park Complex.

Previously, Assembly Day was held on the same date to commemorate the reestablishment of the THA. Tobago Day expands the focus beyond the

Assembly to the entire island. Themed “The Journey Continues”, Tobago Day reflects the path of progress and growth that the island must continuously seek.

The official opening of the two-day Tobago Day Exhibition will take place immediately at the same location.

The exhibition features displays from the various Divisions and allied agencies. In addition, the Office of the Prime Minister, Tobago Affairs, will celebrate Tobago Day with the THA and will also participate in the exhibition.

TOBAGO DAY 2016 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd December, 2015

9.30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Venue: Auditorium, Shaw Park Complex

11 a.m. - Opening & Viewing of Tobago Day Exhibition
5 p.m. Venue: Shaw Park Complex

Thursday 3rd December, 2015

9 a.m. - Viewing of Tobago Day Exhibition
5 p.m. Venue: Shaw Park Complex

6 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony
Venue: Botanic Station, Scarborough

Friday 4th December, 2015

1 p.m. - Youth Debate
4 p.m. Venue: Assembly Chamber

10 a.m. Children's Activities in Schools

7 p.m. - Chief Secretary's Awards
9 p.m. Venue: Auditorium, Shaw Park Complex
(By Invitation ONLY)

Saturday 5th December, 2015

6.00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony
Venue: Louis D'Or Nursery, Louis D'Or



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS: Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport Huey Cadette, left, has a photo opportunity with Team Canada after they won the recent NORCECA Beach Volleyball finals, which ended on Sunday (November 22, 2015) at Courland Heritage Park. The Division was the major sponsor of the event.

ANOTHER BUSINESS HAPPY WITH BDU BOOST

When Desmond Quamina started furniture and upholstery business Make N Move, he only had basic hand tools and his passion to create.

Now, with the assistance of the Division of Finance and Enterprise Development's Business Development Unit, Make N Move has been able to step up production by acquiring heavy duty, powered tools. It has made a big change,

the entrepreneur said.

“(Now I) realise how important it is to spread your wings and not be just local but regional and even out on the international scene,” Quamina said.

“People get to know what I am doing and they are interested in the products.”

Many other entrepreneurs have benefitted from BDU grants and loans, which help them make their businesses more efficient and productive.

‘TOBAGO TREASURES’ SERIES TO BE AIRED IN JANUARY

Film maker Wayne John is about to take Tobago on a journey through several villages of this island.

“Tobago Treasures” is a thirteen-episode television series that will take the audience through historical events of local villages and highlight the people who have contributed significantly to the communities' development.

The show will begin airing on Channel 5 in January, and John hopes it will educate young Tobagonians on the heritage of Tobago.

“It would be devastating that Tobago would have been such a historical place—it could be described as a historian's playground,” John said, “but yet our young people being in the age of technological advancements and everything without knowing much of ourselves.”

The first season of the series was financed by the Division of Community Development and Culture.