

TOBAGO'S SENIORS GEAR UP FOR DEBATE

The Tobago House of Assembly will give its elderly citizens an opportunity to speak on issues affecting them at the inaugural Senior Citizens Debate next week. Themed "Nothing For Us Without Us," the Debate will be held on May 12 at the Assembly Chamber. Assistant Secretary of Health and Social Services Sheldon Cunningham

said the event was being hosted by the Division's Ageing Unit in collaboration with the Assembly Legislature. "This debate will adopt the same parliamentary style of debating as we do currently in the house," Cunningham explained. "The senior citizens will replace our current Assemblymen on the day for a debate. There will be a live radio

broadcast (of the debate)." Cunningham said the initiative will foster awareness of the importance of taking care of the island's elderly. The debate will take place at the Assembly Legislature Chamber from 10 a.m. He added: "Each of them will make a statement because there are several topics they will be talking on that really affect our senior citizens on the island."

COME LEARN THE ART OF COACHING

Athletes, coaches, aspiring coaches and sporting enthusiasts in Tobago seeking to improve their skills, learn more about the art of coaching and get certified can join the Caribbean Certification Programme.

The three-day course on coaching theory will be run from May 20-22 at the Shaw Park Complex.

It's being hosted by the Division of Education, Youth Affairs, and Sport's Department of Sport, in conjunction with the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee.

Participants will learn about the role of a coach, leadership, developing sport skills, and sport for people with disabilities, as well as new ways to motivate their athletes.

"This coaching course is geared toward educating individuals in the sporting industry on the fundamental aspects of coaching," Huey Cadette, Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, said of the programme.

Anyone seeking to register for the course can contact the Department of Sport at 299-0781.



S.E.A. VISIT: THA Chief Secretary Orville London joined Scarborough RC Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) students at the Botanical Gardens, Scarborough during his visit to several Tobago primary schools on Wednesday (May 4, 2016). London encouraged the students to do their best during today's (May 5) exam, and work toward making a positive contribution toward society.

CONFIDENCE IN 2016 SEA STUDENTS

The number of students who sat this year's Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) increased from last year.

This morning, 863 boys and girls were registered to sit the exam on the island. Students had visits from their respective area representatives, including Chief Secretary Orville London (Scarborough/Calder Hall) and Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport Huey Cadette (Canaan/Bon Accord).

"A total of 437 boys and 426 girls, will take the exam, up from the total of 835 who sat in 2015," Cadette said during the weekly

post Executive Council media briefing yesterday (May 4) at the Calder Hall Administrative Complex.

"We're confident that they have been well prepared and will perform admirably."

The Secretary said the students had a lot of preparation in recent months, with programmes facilitated by the Education Division, as well as exam tips for students and parents.

He also thanked teachers, parents, and other persons who have helped with the preparations in making sure the youngsters were adequately prepared for today's challenge.