

LONDON PAYS S.E.A. VISIT TO STUDENTS

Some of Tobago's Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) students got a special visit ahead of their big day tomorrow (May 5), when Chief Secretary Orville London paid a visit to six primary schools on Tuesday (May 3) in the Calder Hall and Mason Hall areas. London visited Mason Hall Government Primary, North Regional SDA Primary, St Andrew's Anglican, Scarborough Methodist, Scarborough SDA and Scarborough Roman Catholic. They will be among the nation's other primary

schools to sit the annual SEA exam. At his visit to the North Regional SDA, London told the students the school has been consistent in its SEA performances. He's expecting the trend to continue. "I want you all here to understand the history of your institution," London said, "to understand how other students who sat in the same classrooms that you have sat in, who sat here in this same church and listened to me speak and who went on to do their SEA examinations, how well they have done.

Therefore I'm saying there is no difference between them and you." The Chief Secretary said the school's students have also found success beyond their primary years. "...Your students have always excelled both from the academic and from the social perspective. And what perspective means (is) the way in which they do things, and most of them have gone on to secondary school and have done well." In all, 863 students from Tobago will sit the SEA exam.



OFFICIAL OPENING: THA officials open the Fresh Produce Packing House Facility on April 26 at Shaw Park. From right are Chief Secretary Orville London, Secretary of Agriculture, Marine Affairs, Marketing and the Environment Godwin Adams and the Division's Administrator, Nevlin Renwick.

THA WELCOMES NEW PRESIDING OFFICER

Former Clerk of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) Vanessa Cutting-Thomas was sworn in last Thursday (April 28) as Presiding Officer of the Assembly Legislature. She replaces Kelvin Charles, who served as Presiding Officer for the last three years. Charles resigned last month. Cutting-Thomas was nominated by Chief Secretary Orville London at the April 28 plenary session. Her nomination was seconded by Leader of Assembly Business Assemblyman Claudia Groome-Duke, the Secretary of Health and Social Services.

SEA TO SEA MARATHON COMING TO TOBAGO

Tobago is about to have its first marathon, and it's one of the most scenic you'll ever witness. The Sea to Sea Marathon starts on May 22 from 5 a.m., at the Rainforest Reserve near Bloody Bay. The course travels through Roxborough, then winds its way through Belle Garden and Hope. Scarborough will also see marathon action, before the race heads to the

finish line at Petit Trou Beach. The 26.2-mile race is geared towards enhancing Tobago's sport tourism thrust. And, it's certified by international sporting bodies, the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). It's not the only race on the weekend. For those who prefer the shorter distances, a

half-marathon is scheduled for 5.30 a.m., beginning at Goodwood. Preceding those events on May 21, the organisers, Sea to Sea Events Limited will host a 10K at Bacolet from 4.30 p.m. and a 5K at 4 p.m. starting at Scarborough. To date, close to 500 people have already registered for the race, which is being supported by various Divisions of the Tobago House of Assembly.