

EDUCATORS TO GET CURRICULUM TRAINING...

## SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Education is one of the priority areas the THA has identified as crucial to Tobago's development. This is why the Executive Council has approved Tobago's attendance at a special education conference in the United States from March 23 to 29. On Wednesday (March 15), Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles announced that the island will be represented at the Empower17 conference, which will be hosted by the Association for Supervision

and Curriculum Development. The annual conference is for principals, teachers and school administrators. Its interactive sessions encourage creative and innovative teaching solutions that will allow students to get the most out of their education. "As you may know education is one of the areas that we will put a lot of emphasis on and therefore as part of ensuring those who have the responsibility, both to supervise as well as to lead the

process, [have] the requisite skills and competencies," said Charles, who is also the Secretary of Education, Innovation and Energy. "As we move to transform Tobago," he added, "education will become much more critical; therefore the process of education will be subjected to a greater deal of scrutiny and evaluation." Charles said the Division is committed to ensuring increased accountability in the education system.

### HOMEOWNERS GET FUNDING BOOST

Five homeowners were left smiling last week, as they benefitted from home improvement support. They each received \$15,000 from the Division's Home Improvement Grant to help them get started on their home construction, and in some cases complete renovations. Secretary of the Division of Settlements, Urban Renewal, and Public Utilities Clarence Jacob and his team from the Department of Settlements were on hand at Mason Hall and Canaan to meet with the homeowners and deliver the much-needed funding.



**POLICE VISIT:** Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles, second from right, shakes hands with Dr Levis Guy following a meeting with members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Manpower Unit yesterday (March 16, 2017). Also in photo, from left, are Stefan Goalan, acting Deputy Commissioner of Police Harold Phillip, and Allan Meiguel.

### MORIAH RESIDENTS PRAISED FOR SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT

Moriah is set to benefit from a Habitat for Humanity initiative to construct much needed retaining walls in the community. Eight projects have been earmarked for Moriah, to be conducted by the volunteer organisation, in conjunction with community members. Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles said he is

pleased at the community's response. "I need to applaud the people of Moriah," Charles said, "because about 18 families I understand, came forward and made a proposal to them that, they are prepared to donate \$2,000 each so that some of these projects can be extended along the particular streets," he said. The Chief Secretary also commended

the residents for seeking to be actively involved in community development. Charles said this approach is similar to the new community development model the Assembly wants to introduce to communities across Tobago. He commended the residents for seeking active roles in developing their community.