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NEW VOCATIONAL CENTRE

The Division of Health Wellness and Family Development, will provide new accommodations for students at the Technical Vocational Centre within the next three months. Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development Agatha Carrington gave this assurance in her address to Tobago's fifth World Down Syndrome Day Conference yesterday (March 20) at the

Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort. "I commit that the Division will not only provide new accommodation for our Technical Vocational Students, but include new services such as speech therapy, which is currently not available at the centre," Dr. Carrington said. The Conference, which ended today advocated for persons with Down Syndrome and other disabilities, as well

as raise awareness of their human right for inclusion within society. "We need community participation to foster greater inclusion and equity amongst persons with disabilities..." the Secretary stressed. "We are going to do the research to inform how our Division and the Tobago House of Assembly can include persons with disabilities in our future work plans."



IN TUNE: Feature speaker Sujeet Desai shows off his entertainment skills during the World Down Syndrome Conference yesterday at the Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort. The talented young man can play seven musical instruments.

SECRETARY LEADS WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Prospective and current homeowners aren't the only ones getting attention from newly minted Secretary of the Division of Settlements, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities Secretary Clarence Jacob. Staff are also getting the Secretary's attention, as he led an aerobic workout session at the Division's Rockley Vale offices yesterday (March 20). Jacob is a certified Physical Education Instructor.

Yesterday's session was the first, and part of the Division's aim to boost the health and wellness of staff, which the Secretary believes will translate to increased productivity.

A video of the workout session on the Division's Facebook Page earned its fair share of compliments when it was posted after the session, and within a day, earned more than 70 shares.

COX LEADS THE WAY FOR AQUA WARRIORS

Tobago's swimmers splashed their way into the spotlight at the recent Annual National Age Group Long Course Championships.

The seven-member Tobago Aqua Warriors team brought home four medals, including one silver from Jacob Cox, and three bronze.

At the National Aquatic Centre in Couva, Trinidad, Cox, Ezekiel Wilson and Rochelle Pierre all raced to the podium. Cox claimed 100 metres breast stroke bronze in a personal best one minute, 42.84 seconds. Wilson also bagged bronze in the 200 metre individual medley with a two minutes, 29.19 seconds swim.

And Pierre, the team's Assistant Coach, also earned bronze in the 50 metres final, clocking 30.10 seconds, to qualify for the 17th FINA World Masters Championships in Hungary in August. Wilson also finished fifth in the 100 m breaststroke and 200 metre breaststroke events, both in personal best times.