

NEW SYSTEM FOR SEAMLESS PAYMENT

The new automated clearing house system will make THA salary payments more efficient.

Secretary of Finance and the Economy Joel Jack said the system will first be introduced at two THA Divisions: the Division of Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment and the Division of

Education, Innovation and Energy.

“We are about to commence the second phase, where we will see daily rated employees and all suppliers become part of that system,” Jack said at last week’s (April 12) media briefing.

“What that means is we will have a seamless flow of funds from the Divisions

to employees’ bank accounts, as well as the bank accounts of suppliers.”

Jack said this will remove the need to have cheques processed, signed and distributed. He described late payment to workers as one of his pet peeves.

The system will eventually be implemented across all THA Divisions.



BIG THROW: Javelin thrower Tyriq Horsford on his way to securing his third straight Boys Under-18 title on Sunday (April 16) during the Carifta Games in Curacao. He retained his title with a Games record 76.50 metres, eclipsing his previous mark of 73.00m set last year.

ATHLETES SHINE AT CARIFTA

Tobago athletes secured eight of this country’s 22 medals at the 46th annual CARIFTA Games in Curacao, which concluded yesterday (April 17, 2017).

Trinidad and Tobago earned seven gold, five silver and ten bronze medals to finish second on the medals table behind winners Jamaica and ahead of Bahamas (third).

Zenith’s Tyriq Horsford claimed gold in the Boys under-18 javelin throw event for the third consecutive year, breaking his Carifta record of 76.50 metres.

Assemblyman Jomo Pitt, Secretary of the Division of Sport and Youth Affairs congratulated the athletes. The Secretary said the Division will continue to support the island’s sporting bodies, which “give our athletes the tools to be successful”.

JAZZ EXPERIENCE TO BRING VALUE FOR MONEY

Some new events are being added to the 2017 Tobago Jazz Experience.

Chairman of the Tobago Jazz Experience organising committee John Arnold, is pleased with the lineup for this year’s event, especially with the limitations being faced where budget is concerned.

He described the event’s programme as a “kind of champagne offering with some

of the mauby spend” for the event.

“That’s a challenge, that’s always a challenge, I think everybody knows that,” Arnold said during last week’s (April 12) media briefing. “But you’re still trying to see how much you can give people value for money, and I think we have been able to do that by again collaborating with many of the stakeholders.”

Arnold announced a number of new

events will be featured this year. They include Charlotteville’s Friday Jazz Jam (April 21), Plymouth Jazz at Dawn (April 23), and the Jazz Film Festival.

“We also have included this year we’ve partnered with the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival.... They’ll be running films and some of the films are actually music-centric, some of them are Caribbean-centric also.”