

TOBAGO EXPLORING...

THE POTENTIAL OF PPP

Tobago is seeking to harness the potential of public-private partnerships (PPP) to accelerate the development of the island.

And the island hosted a series of public private partnership sensitisation sessions from Tuesday (August 15) to prepare the island to seize PPP opportunities. The sessions were facilitated by the Caribbean

Development Bank (CDB), along with an external consultant, with support from the World Bank.

At Wednesday's (August 16) post Executive Council media briefing, Secretary of Finance and the Economy Joel Jack said sessions were conducted on the requirements for viable PPP projects and on capacity building. The CDB

assessed six potential PPP projects. "The objective is to determine the viability of these pilot projects for 2017-2018," Jack said. This includes a commercial cargo port, a marina, the upgrade of the Milford Road Esplanade, the THA housing programme, a cancer treatment centre, and a transport hub in Scarborough. Jack said the THA has to "ascertain the most appropriate and feasible projects" where PPP can be utilised. The final session at the Victor E Bruce Financial Complex took place today (August 18).



DISMISSED: Cricket action between Mt Pleasant (District Four) and Canaan (District Three) during the District Games on Wednesday (August 16, 2017) at Shaw Park Recreation Ground. Canaan won by four wickets.

IMPROVED HEALTH ACCESS AND QUALITY

The ultimate goal of the health sector is to offer quality healthcare services to Tobagonians. That's the declaration of Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development Dr. Agatha Carrington.

She was speaking at a public outreach meeting held at the Betsy's Hope/Louis D'Or Multipurpose Facility for residents of nearby communities. Dr. Carrington said all her aim is to improve the number of services and access for residents.

"We want to make the services much more comprehensive than they are," she said.

"We want to make our services much more accessible to you. We want to provide services to all our districts."

The meeting was held in collaboration with the Tobago Regional Health Authority (TRHA) to update the public and get feedback on their issues.

OLYMPIC CAMP NEXT WEEK

Thirty budding Tobago athletes ages 13-16 will have the opportunity to develop in their sport, while learning leadership and life skills at the 2017 Olympic Youth Camp.

The annual four-day camp begins on Tuesday (August 22) at the Lambeau Community Centre, and will be hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee with support from the Division of Sport and Youth Affairs.

The camp is part of a continuing programme to develop future Olympians by advancing the leadership skills of promising young athletes.

At the camp, participants will be taught the fundamentals of Olympic values. The sessions will also create awareness of the role of sport in self-development.

Anyone seeking to register for the camp can contact Department of Sport senior programme coordinator Pietra Gay at 756-5206 or by sending an email to sportandyouthaffairs@gov.tt.