

TOBAGO TO WELCOME INDUSTRIAL COURT

Soon, Tobagonians will no longer have to travel to Trinidad to have their matters heard in the Industrial Court.

Tomorrow (July 8, 2015), representatives of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago will visit Tobago to sign an agreement with the

Tobago House of Assembly, giving the Industrial Court a permanent home on the island.

Currently, Tobago only has a Magistrate Court and a High Court. The island's Industrial matters are heard in Trinidad, or at the High Court in Scarborough during its vaca-

tion period.

Kimba Anderson, legal officer II at the Tobago House of Assembly, said property at Sandy Hall designated for the Industrial Court will be handed over to the Court tomorrow, via a 199-year lease agreement.

The Court, Anderson said,

has agreed to refurbish and retrofit the building, which will also house the Environmental Commission.

The agreement also coincides with the Industrial Court's 50th Anniversary celebrations, Anderson pointed out, saying that matters in Tobago can now be expedited.



A PAGE IN HISTORY: Historical architect Geoffrey MacLean, left and National Trust chairman Professor Winston Suite, centre, present sketches of a historical building to Chief Secretary Orville London during their visit to the Office of the Chief Secretary.

THA TO PARTNER WITH NATIONAL TRUST

Tobago will take even bigger steps to protect its historical landmarks and preserve its heritage. Earlier today (July 7, 2015), the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) met with the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago at the Administrative Complex in Calder Hall to discuss collaboration and initiatives that will go further to ensure Tobago's legacy is safeguarded.

The trust helps to develop and implement strategies to protect this country's heritage and improve communities. National Trust chairman Professor Winston Suite said he is happy to work alongside the Assembly.

"(Tobago has) certain cultural organisations and cultural initiatives that I believe that the rest of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and in certain instances some of the things the rest of the Caribbean could do," Suite said.

THA Chief Administrator Raye Sandy, who also met with the National Trust, said the parties have already identified a number of preservation projects for consideration, including the waterwheel at Arnos Vale, which was severely damaged by fire recently.

The Chief Administrator said the THA will also partner with the trust to educate the public on Tobago's historical sites and the need to restore and preserve them.

BAPTISTE WINS 'HERITAGE' RECYCLE WEAR CHALLENGE

The Miss Heritage Personality competition is just as much about substance as it is style.

Contestants proved that last Friday, when they showed off their colourful fashion, made from recyclable materials, from old rotary fans to plastics to paper towels, crocus bags and potato sacks.

The Recycle Wear Challenge was

won by Aniecia Baptiste of Youth Quake, while Rachel Gregoire (Plymouth) and Nadiola Brasnell (Roxborough) were second and third respectively.

Contestants each had to select a cultural icon from their community as well, and research the icon's contribution to the island's legacy. Secretary of Community Development

and Culture Dr. Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus said the education component of the competition is important. "Finding new uses for weathered items in our lives and likewise appreciating those who weathered many situations to pave the path on which we walk today (is part of our heritage)," Tsoiafatt-Angus said.

Baptiste used her contribution to

honour Carmen Carrington, who was one of the creative minds behind the original design for the Moriah Old Time Wedding.

The Tobago Heritage Festival opens on July 16 at the Shaw Park Complex, and will run until August 1. A number of heritage events are also being planned, which will run until the end of November.