

# LEE YUEN CREDITS BDU FOR SUCCESS

**C**heryl-Ann Lee Yuen is simply delighted with the support she has gotten from the Business Development Unit (BDU), which is allowing her to expand her business. Her company, Simply Delightful, has really taken off, with her products, such as sweet red pepper sauce, honey

barbecue sauce and Italian vinaigrette now reaching grocery shelves in Trinidad. She started the business in 2011 with some financial support from the BDU, which falls under the Division of Finance and Enterprise Development. She also gained training and exposure to trade shows like the Trade

and Investment Convention in Trinidad and the New York Fancy Food Fair in the US. Lee Yuen said the experience has helped her understand the important role of the BDU in assisting Tobago's entrepreneurs. "They worked closely with us to get us to the next level," Lee Yuen said. "When I started off I

must say I was really creeping, and based on the help with the Business Development Unit I must say I am on the ladder, I am (up) a couple rungs and I'm really, really grateful for that." It's a start she is keen to build on, and Lee Yuen has set her sights on getting into a few more markets in in Trinidad by year's end.

## SPORT POLICY REVIEW SET FOR NEXT WEEK

**T**he Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport will collaborate with the Ministry of Sport at next week's Stakeholders Consultation, aimed at reviewing the 2008 draft Tobago Sport Policy.

The session, which will take place from August 27-28, 2015 at the Lowlands Community Centre from 9 a.m. each day, will be spearheaded by the Ministry's senior legal officer, Tyrone Marcus and will include representatives from the Division's Department of Sport.

The review will discuss the current landscape of sport on the island, and look at different models used in the wider region, as well as internationally.

It will also examine opportunities for partnering with external stakeholders, including sport tourism, and the role of business in local sport. Other issues, such as anti-doping, dispute resolution, gender issues and the differently abled, as well as child protection are also on the schedule as the Division looks toward the future for sport on the island.



**GAINING EXPERIENCE:** Collin Dillon, right, receives a token from Shawnee Thompson, Youth Auxiliary Officer, Department of Youth Affairs, left, for his active participation at the 'World of Work' Programme for secondary school students, which started on Monday (August 17, 2015).

## DEYAS PRAISES NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDEES

**T**obago's successes at this year's National Youth Awards shows that efforts to develop the island's young people are paying off.

So says Julien Skeete, youth programme coordinator at the Division of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport (DEYAS).

Tobago submitted 60 nominations out of 180 participants, and picked up seven awards from 13 categories and Skeete said it validates the

Division's youth affairs mandate. "We're really seeking in every way possible to see how we can assist our young persons to realise that they can not only compete and stand out here at the level in Tobago," Julien said, "but therefore by virtue of what we teach them and how we encourage them to move forward, that they should realise that they can compete anywhere nationally, throughout the region, and even internationally."

Avron Ragdman won the award for agriculture, while Orchid Linton-Providence (Entrepreneurship) and Donneal Vincent (Health and Wellness) also won, along with Daniel Francis (Youth Activism), and Javier Forrester (Leadership Advocacy in the Community, Individual).

The North East Sea Turtle Group (Environment) and the Rotaract Club of Tobago (Leadership and Advocacy) won group awards.