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#### NEWS RELEASE

## CyberFair Peer Review

The Ministry of Education wishes to thank the dedicated teachers who assisted students as they participated in our first CyberFair Competition. We are now at a very important juncture – the CyberFair Peer Review phase. Peer review, which is a very critical aspect of the Cyberfair judging process, gives the teacher an excellent opportunity to help his/her students learn evaluation skills. Participating students must use the Peer Review Rubric to evaluate one other website entry (not three as previously advertised).

Websites from all registered schools have been posted on the Ministry of Education's website and may be viewed at <http://www.moe.gov.tt/cyberfair/>. Further information on the Peer Review and the Rubric may be accessed from this website.

Peer Review began on Tuesday May 1 and ends on Friday May 11, 2007. Please ensure that rubrics are completed and scores correctly calculated and inserted before final submission.

The Ministry of Education's Schools Cyberfair competition is the local counterpart of an award winning International Schools Cyberfair sponsored by the **Global SchoolNet Foundation** in partnership with the World Future Society. The international contest, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, is used by schools and youth organizations around the world to connect young people with their communities. It has been described as the largest educational event of its kind ever held on the Internet and has brought together more than one million students from over 109 countries.

Our National Schools Cyberfair 2007 competition is open to all schools – primary as well as secondary -- and provides opportunity for students will work collaboratively with community members by conducting research about their local communities and publishing a website displaying their findings. CyberFair is **not** a Website design contest. The real emphasis is on the quality of content derived from research, the quality of learning experienced and the community relationships developed.

You may E-mail, 'fax or mail your rubrics to:

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