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News Release:

FORMAL OPENING OF LA ROMAINE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF LA ROMAINE GOVERNMENT EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION CENTRE – MONDAY APRIL 23RD 2007

The Ministry of Education under the auspices of Senator the Honourable Hazel Manning and the Honourable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will on Monday April 23rd 2007 formally open La Romaine High School, Church Street, La Romaine at 10.30am.

At the same event, the Education Facilities Company Ltd (EFCL) will officially hand over La Romaine Government Early Childhood Care and Education Centre (LRGECCE) to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The LRGECCE holds the proud distinction of being the first completed facility of EFCL. EFCL was established by the Government in March 2005 as a Limited Liability Company with special responsibility for the procurement of design, construction, administration and management of certain school projects under the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education's School Construction Programme is an integral part of the comprehensive transformation of the education system, which is at present being implemented. Some of the significant features of this transformation process include teacher development and curriculum enhancement geared towards presenting more modern approaches to learning for the benefit of the Ministry's primary customers, the nation's schoolchildren.

The new LRGECCE is outfitted with state-of-the-art education facilities that will accommodate new approaches while offering a pleasant environment that would make the learning experience a rewarding and enjoyable one for any child.

The entire transformation process will equip schoolchildren to take their place as well-rounded and productive members of a technologically advanced nation.

The Ministry of Education is determined that a child's pre-school experience should be included in the entire process. Consequently, we have over the past few years, taken on the responsibility for structuring and regulating the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Sector.

This facility at La Romaine provides tangible proof of the seriousness and sense of focus with which we have taken our responsibility. Architect, Cheryl Adams, in association with Reynald Associates, carefully designed the building. Amalgamated Engineering Services of Claxton Bay, led by Managing Director, Zaffrulah Khan, was the building contractor selected to construct the facility. Nigel R Khan Booksellers supplied the furnishings and equipment with which the centre is outfitted.

This school has been completed at a cost of just over \$2 million and is outfitted with state-of-the-art nursery furniture and equipment that incorporates excellent safety and educational features.

All ECCE Centres will be staffed by professionally trained, certified personnel who will be utilizing universally accepted teaching practices to ensure that young children have a solid educational base on which the rest of their growing up years will be built.

Approximately 60 or more young children will now be accommodated quite comfortably in modern and attractive surroundings.

We invite you to send your media crew to witness this momentous occasion.

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