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Ministry of Education and Tobago House of Assembly meet and sign MOU for a Seamless Education System in Tobago

The Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tobago House of Assembly, Division of Education Youth Affairs and Sport (THA, DEYAS) with respect to the implementation of the Seamless Education Programme in Tobago.

This meeting took place on October 23, 2009 at the Mt. Irvine Hotel and Conference Centre, where The Hon. Esther Le Gendre, M.P., Minister of Education, led the team from the Ministry of Education, which included, Angella Jack, Permanent Secretary; Maurice Chin Aleong, Programme Manager, Seamless Education Programme; Ann Thornhill, Director, Early Childhood Care and Education, and Elton Wickham, Communications Director.



Hon Esther Le Gendre, MP, Minister of Education signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the Seamless Education System. Claudia Groome-Duke, Secretary for the Division of Youth and Sport Affairs, THA is at her left. Looking on is Angella Jack, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education.

The seamless education system recognises and promotes a rapid response capability to the various demands and requirements of individual learners from a range of educational and social backgrounds, in ways that facilitate personal and career development. Two major highlights of the seamless education system are the multiple entry and exit points in the education system, and; a legal framework, policies and procedures which enable learners to move across and between the various levels and types of educational programmes – general and technical vocational - in an environment of lifelong learning. This MOU addresses the need for harmony in the implementation of the seamless system of education so that what is being done in Tobago is a mirror image of what is being done in Trinidad.

Representing the THA at the meeting and the MOU signing, were Claudia Groome-Duke, Secretary of the DEYAS; Claudette Allard, Chief Education Coordinator; Penelope Beckford, Coordinator for Project Implementation Unit of Seamless; Heather Caruth, Administrator DEYAS; several school supervisors and other technical officers of the Division.

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Hon Esther Le Gendre, MP, Minister of Education is flanked, from left, by Heather Caruth, Administrator, Division of Education Youth and Sport Affairs, THA; Claudia Groome-Duke, Secretary, DEYAS and Agella Jack, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, as she signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the Seamless Education System.