

## TRAINING FOR TEACHERS IN TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

The Division of Educational Research and Evaluation (DERE) has been involved in ongoing professional development of teachers to support the teaching and learning process. Specifically materials and training are being provided in testing, assessment, research and evaluation to assist teachers to:

- utilize a variety of assessment strategies including performance assessments, tests and examinations to arrive at final marks/grade
- develop quality test items
- use continuous assessment within units of instruction
- improve the quality of feedback and guidance to students and parents
- further develop skills in recording the results of assessments to assist in the provision of instruction and track students' progress in a systematic way
- Conduct action research to support school improvement

During the March 2005 the DERE in collaboration with the international consultant for testing and assessment, Dr. Doreen Faulkner conducted training for teachers from a number of government and government assisted school in writing test items for eight subject areas. This activity will continue during the period April 11 to May 6, 2006 and will facilitate the creation of item banks for the National Certificate of Secondary Education Level I examination.