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**NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE
OF DR THE HONOURABLE TIM GOPEESINGH
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, 2012**

Good day.

As we usher in a new year, on behalf of the constituents of Caroni East and in my own capacity, I wish to extend my very warmest greetings to all for a very Happy and Prosperous 2012.

Since 2007, I have had the honour and privilege of representing the people of Caroni East as their elected Member of Parliament, and, for the past year and seven months, that privilege has extended to the wider community, in my capacity as Minister of Education.

On a day like today, then, where new goals are set and the progress of yesterday is assessed and revised, I cannot help but reflect on the many strides we've made in the country and in the education sector, implementing revolutionary policies that seek to ensure that every single child of this nation benefits from a first rate education that is second to none, anywhere in the world.

To this end, I have had a lot of support and assistance in my efforts from my staff at the Ministry of Education, the various stakeholders in the education sector, my constituents, well-wishers and the general public at large, and for that, I wish to take the opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all for this invaluable and much appreciated help.

2012 thus meets me with a firm resolution to ensure that we continue to improve on the delivery of these services in the spirit of consultation, dedication, diligence and transparency that I have embraced thus far.

To the population at large, I wish to appeal to all that, as we enter this New Year, we make a concerted effort to continue to ensure excellence in all we do



as individuals and a collective people, and I hope that 2012 is a year of true patriotism and reconciliation, where we focus on accentuating the positive things that unite us as a people and work together to ensure that they are our enduring hallmark.

As a country and a people, we have successfully endured several major challenges in our social, economic and political systems over the past decade, and since the New Year is a time of hope and renewal, I want to stress that these qualities of the spirit are of paramount importance now if we are to maintain and improve our lives.

I therefore urge that we make a collective New Year resolution as a people to embrace the qualities of humanity, respect for the rule of law and for the rights of others, consideration for our fellow citizens, dedication to our personal and collective goals and a commitment to tolerance and diligence in all we do to achieve our greatest potential as a nation and a people.

With our enduring faith in God and ourselves, we can most definitely attain these goals.

2012 is our year to make that positive difference in our lives and that of others that we've all been planning to do for so long, and I hope you find the strength of character and willpower to so do.

I wish all of you well-being, good health and peace in the New Year and always.

May joy and happiness characterise your life, may you find fulfillment in your best hopes and may our common achievements as a people continue to endure and inspire us all, filling each our hearts with an enduring desire for peace, development, progress and love.

I wish you a Happy, Bright and Prosperous New Year and May God continue to bless us all.

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