

## **STATEMENT FROM THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

The Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago has noted a recent statement referring to its advertisement that appeared on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. It is important to emphasize that the advertisement appeared as part of the Commission's promotional campaign for *the Do Right Champions Competition 2012*.

The competition was first launched last year by Minister of Education the Honorable Dr. Tim Gopeesingh and Secretary of Sports and the Division of Education and Youth Affairs at the Tobago House of Assembly, Mr. Whitney Alfred at the National Academy for Performing Arts (NAPA) on September 27, 2011.

This year the Commission took the opportunity of its official visit to Tobago to launch the *Do Right Champions Competition 2012* in Tobago on September 27, 2012. The Commission also presented prizes to seventeen (17) students from Tobago who participated successfully in the previous year's competition. Prior to launching the competition and the prize giving ceremony, Members of the Commission discussed proposals for reform of the Integrity in Public Life Act with Chief Secretary The Honourable Orville London and a five member team from the Tobago House of Assembly. All relevant arrangements for these events were made some weeks earlier and we are pleased to advise that the initial response to the campaign has been promising.

The photograph referred to in the advertisement was one of many taken during the above proceedings.

The Commission regrets what appears to be a misunderstanding arising from the timing of these events and has cancelled the other insertions of this press advertisement.

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