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**The Joint Consultative Council for the Construction Industry (JCC) bids
farewell to long standing president, Winston Riley**



December 17, 2010 – Port of Spain, TT—The Joint Consultative Council for the Construction Industry (JCC) recently hosted a reception at the home of JCC’s founder Mr. Emile Elias to honour its outgoing President, Winston Riley, who served in the post for the last 12 years. The incoming JCC President, Afra Raymond, was also introduced to the audience.

The event was attended by Prime Minister, Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, who delivered a short address to the gathering which included various members of the JCC as well as representatives of the various construction sector companies and manufacturing and service firms. Other Government representatives included Finance Minister, Winston Dookeran, Education Minister Dr. Tim Gopeesingh, Minister of the People and Social Development, Dr. Glenn Ramadharsingh and Leader of Government Business in the Senate, Senator David Abdullah. Also in attendance were Independent Senators, Corinne McKnight and Dr. James Armstrong.



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Prime Minister Bissessar paid great tribute to Mr. Riley's accomplishments in his tenure as President of the JCC and the positive effect his contributions have made to Government's successful changes in public procedures. In her address to Mr. Riley, she stated, "We are fully committed to implementing the principles of your long, hard battle of ensuring that the local contractor industry, and indeed, the local business sector, are our first stop when it comes to State project." The Prime Minister further commented on Government plans to enact procurement regimes recommended by Mr. Riley and the JCC.

In existence for some 32 years, the JCC is an umbrella organisation for the vast array of services and manufacturing firms which comprise the local construction industry. The organisation has become well known for its strong position on issues of construction contracts and government procurement, with particular reference to the construction sector.

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