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BNSI CURRICULUM STANDARDS TRAINING

At a time when standards in education are a major talking point, the Barbados National Standards Institution (BNSI) will be hosting a workshop for key stakeholders, to delve into this issue in detail.

The seminar, under the theme: **Developing a Curriculum for Education in Standardisation**, takes place on Tuesday, July 27, in the Lecture Theatre, Warrens Office Complex, Warrens, St. Michael, from 10:00 a.m to noon.

Standardisation Consultant, Dudley Rhynd, will address the workshop, which is a prerequisite for a consultancy on the Development of a Standards Curriculum for Schools and Institutions of Higher Learning. It is a component of the Inter-American Development Bank/Government of Barbados Modernisation of the Barbados National Standards System project.

Further information on the seminar may be obtained by contacting the BNSI at 426-3870. **(JW/BGIS)**

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ROLE FOR ISB IN GOVERNMENT'S ICT PROGRAMME

Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. David Estwick, is urging the Information Society of Barbados (ISB) to assist government in its quest to improve information management across the public sector.

He made this observation recently, while addressing a celebratory dinner in honour of Central Bank Governor and past president of the ISB, Dr. Delisle Worrell, at Hilton Barbados.

Dr Estwick lauded the ISB for its efforts in uniting users of information in all spheres of endeavours as was evidenced when the organisation partnered with the Ministry, to host a series of town hall meetings to promote the importance of information communication technologies (ICTs). "It is my view that associations such as yours can make a significant contribution to the development and use of ICTs in the local economy. Organisations such as the ISB have a role to play not only in information management, but as lobbyists in effecting a change of attitude to the use of ICTs, in the public and private sectors," he added.

Cognisant of the crucial role ICTs will play to enhance the island's competitiveness in the global market, Dr. Estwick outlined government's plans to help the island achieve this.

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As part of this strategy, he alluded to the proposed National ICT Plan which had already received Cabinet approval. He noted that the paper, aimed at developing an ICT literate society, would allow citizens to participate in the ISB by promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the island, that would lead to easy access to ICTs across the island.

The plan also seeks to position Barbados as a competitive jurisdiction; transform the public and business sectors to an e-environment; and facilitate the continuity of governance in national disasters.

“The use of ICTs within the public sector is being actively promoted as a catalyst which will serve to stimulate productivity and competitiveness and to respond to the increasing adoption of technology-based systems by the business community,” Dr. Estwick remarked.

The Economic Affairs Minister also pointed to the benefits of the e-government programme. “The goals of Barbados e-government programme are better delivery services to citizens and businesses; greater productivity and efficiency in the operations of government agencies and greater transparency and governance through broadening public participation in the governmental process.” **(JW/BGIS)**

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VIEW FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF NYF ON-LINE

Barbadians may now view video clips from the first business meeting of the National Youth Forum (NYF) on-line at www.nationalyouthforum.org.

The meeting was held last Saturday, July 17, at Lecture Theatre Three of the University of the West Indies.

After the formal opening ceremony, the young people were organised into focus groups, where they discussed nine topics, including education, the family, cultural penetration, gangs, housing solutions, political participation and environmental protection.

The NYF will be a permanent institution which will convene in various parts of the island to discuss issues that affect the youth and recommendations will be made to Government regarding the policies required to empower the nation's young people.

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CEREMONY FOR “DAY OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE”

In celebration of the ‘Day of National Significance’, the Ministry of Community Development and Culture will host a cultural presentation on Monday, July 26, at the Oistins Bay Gardens, Oistins, Christ Church.

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The ceremony, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will feature performances by the Pinelands Creative Workshop, the Israel Lovell Foundation, as well as music by Lion Soul, among others.

The Day of National Significance is part of the Season of Emancipation, which began on April 14 and concludes on August 23 - "UNESCO International Day for the remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition."

Emancipation Day will be celebrated on Sunday, August 1, with the bank holiday on Tuesday, August 3. **(AS/BGIS)**

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MINISTER OF HOUSING AND LANDS, MICHAEL LASHLEY, WILL OFFICIALLY LAUNCH AND UNVEIL "THE VILLAGES AT COVERELY", AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT ON SATURDAY, JULY 24, AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE CHRIST CHURCH SITE.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, FREUNDEL STUART, AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE AREA, DR. DAVID ESTWICK.

DIRECTIONS – MAKE THE LEFT TURN AT CHICKMONT ROUNDABOUT (NEWTON CHRIST CHURCH), CONTINUE STRAIGHT PAST OCEAN PARK TO ROUNDABOUT. KEEP STRAIGHT AND MAKE 1ST LEFT TURN, FOLLOW ROAD AND SIGNS TO SITE.

Tips for the Hurricane Season-13

[Hurricane Katrina](#)—

- Started out August 23rd, 2005 in the Bahamas as a tropical wave.
- Made landfall in South Florida as a minimal hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph, and gusts up to 95 mph.
- Became [Category Five Hurricane](#), with winds up to 175 mph.
- It became the fourth most powerful hurricane of [all time](#) ahead of Camille and behind [Hurricane Gilbert](#) (1988), the Labour Day Hurricane of 1935, and [Hurricane Allen](#) (1980).
- Some 50 people were killed in coastal Mississippi.
- Caused extensive flooding in New Orleans.
- Some 1,833 perished; (Louisiana-1582, Mississippi-170, Florida-30, Alabama-48, Georgia-2, Tennessee-1).
- Estimated total cost for the storm = US 200 billion dollars, making it the costliest hurricane and natural disaster in United States History.

A Message from the Barbados Government Information Service

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MINISTER OF SPORTS, STEPHEN LASHLEY, WILL DELIVER AN ADDRESS AT THE SUMMER CAMPS 2ND ANNUAL EASTERN ZONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JULY 23, AT KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, ST.PHILIP, AT 10:00 A.M.

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