



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY ADVANCES EFFORTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTRE**

**Port of Spain:** On Monday December 19, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., hosted a Signing Ceremony for an Exchange of Letters with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu, with regard to the construction of a new Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC).

The construction of a new forensic science centre is being made possible through the provision of funding, as appropriated via a series of Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreements between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of the People's Republic of China. The letters outline the obligations of each party in the execution of this project.

Minister Hinds noted that the construction of a new TTFSC continues to be a priority of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. The new facility is envisioned to be modern, with adequate storage, and required amenities for TTFSC staff to conduct their duties efficiently, in support of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

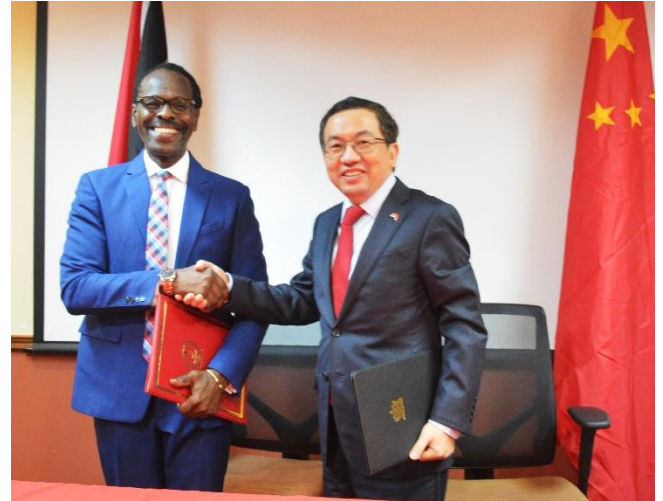
The new forensic science centre will be located in Farm Road, St. Joseph, and will have dedicated spaces and laboratories for biology, chemistry, toxicology, documents, ballistics, motor vehicles, pathological anatomy and other technical inspections, storage rooms, administrative office rooms, electrical and standby power rooms and other supporting facilities.

Both the Minister and the Ambassador noted the signing was an example of the existing longstanding bilateral relationship and ongoing cooperation between the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the People's Republic of China.

The Signing Ceremony took place at the Ministry of National Security's Office at Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, 1 Wrightson Road, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security,

Mr. Gary Joseph; Director (Ag.), TTFSC, Mr. Derrick Sankar; and Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch.

**Photos and captions:**



1. Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. (*left*) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu sign Letters of Exchange with regard to the construction of a new Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC). The Signing Ceremony took place on Monday December 19, 2022 at the Ministry of National Security's Office at Tower C, International Waterfront Complex, 1 Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

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2. From left to right: Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu;

Director (Ag.), Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre, Mr. Derrick Sankar; and Deputy Director, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of National Security, Major (Ret'd) Richard Lynch, following the Signing of Letters of Exchange with regard to the construction of a new Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC).

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