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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTER HINDS CONGRATULATES THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CADET FORCE ON ITS 113 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Port of Spain: As Minister of National Security, I wish to sincerely congratulate the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force, on reaching its 113th year of the existence, in the service of our nation's youth and Country.

The commemoration of the anniversary of the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force is particularly important, when one considers that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Governments of the CARICOM region, are reviewing how we approach dealing with crime and violence and juvenile delinquency across the region.

The Ministry will indeed continue to look to the Cadet Force and other youth building institutions like it, to provide the training and inspiration to our young men and women so that they can become model citizens, with qualities such as discipline, loyalty and duty.

The Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force has an illustrious history of operating within our nation's school system. This began with the establishment of the Cadet Units at Queen's Royal College and St. Mary's College in Port of Spain in 1910. A vestige of our colonial past, which fortunately for us, we have kept and has served us well.

Today, after the ravages of Covid 19 and the restrictions attributed to that Pandemic have been lifted, a fresh new wind of beginning is blowing over the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force.

The young men and women who serve in the Cadet Force, have new vigour and vitality and are ready to surmount any of the challenges put before them.

The adult officers who serve as leaders in the organisation, continue to demonstrate firm dedication to the training of our nation's youth.

To all the parents, guardians and family members of cadets participating in our Cadet Units across Trinidad and Tobago, rest assured that the young cadets are in the right place, to develop their great potential within. The experience that they will gain as members of the Cadet Force will remain with them and serve as a positive influence for the rest of their lives.

On behalf of the Ministry of National Security and by extension the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, I once again congratulate the members, past and present, of the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force on reaching its 113 year anniversary.

The Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP
Minister of National Security