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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY'S IMMIGRATION DIVISION RECEIVES ELECTRONIC MAGNIFIERS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Port of Spain: The Ministry of National Security's Immigration Division received a donation of twenty-five (25) electronic handheld magnifiers, from the German Federal Police, facilitated by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trinidad and Tobago.

The brief Handover Ceremony took place on Thursday October 26, 2023 at the Immigration Division's head office located at Richmond Street in Port of Spain.

Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan accepted the items on behalf of the Ministry of National Security from Document and Visa Advisor, German Federal Police, Mr. Stephan Kaldasch, who was introduced by Consul, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Monika Noy.

The Permanent Secretary (Ag.) expressed gratitude to Consul Noy and Mr. Kaldasch for the donation geared towards enhancing the work of frontline immigration officers, through technology.

Consul Noy noted that the donation formed part of the global cooperation programme of the German Federal Police and serves as an example of the good cooperation between the organization and the Trinidad and Tobago Immigration Division. She also acknowledged the fruitful bilateral cooperation between the two countries and expressed the willingness to expand collaborative initiatives.

Also in attendance at the Handover Ceremony were Chief Immigration Officer (Ag.) Ms. Vera Persad; Deputy Chief Immigration Officers (Ag.) Ms. Roseann St. Hill-Billouin and Mr. Elston Baird, as well as other senior immigration officials.

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The electronic handheld magnifiers will assist immigration officers at the Immigration Forensic Document Examination Laboratory to quickly detect falsified passports, as well as forgeries of other forms of identification and documents.

Following the handover of the equipment, Mr. Kaldasch conducted a training session with twenty-three (23) immigration officers in areas including the effective use of the electronic magnifiers to detect forgeries; general document security; current trends; misuse of identification documents; and best practices utilized by the German Federal Police.

Photos and captions:



1. Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan accepts twenty-five (25) electronic handheld magnifiers from Document and Visa Advisor, German Federal Police, Mr. Stephan Kaldasch, for use by immigration officers to detect falsified documents. A brief Handover Ceremony took place on Thursday October 26, 2023 at the Immigration Division's head office located at Richmond Street in Port of Spain.



2. ***From left to right:*** Deputy Chief Immigration Officer (Ag.) Mr. Elston Baird; Immigration Officer III, Document Examination Laboratory, Ms. Germalda Salandy; Deputy Chief Immigration Officer (Ag.) Ms. Roseann St. Hill-Billouin; Chief Immigration Officer (Ag.) Ms. Vera Persad; Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan; Document and Visa Advisor, German Federal Police, Mr. Stephan Kaldasch; Consul, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Monika Noy; Cultural and Press Affairs Assistant, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Katharina Günther; and Assistant Chief Immigration Officer (Ag.) Mr. Alan Sookram.

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