



News from the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT)

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**ACTT Re-commissions its Tobago Office,
Launches the Digital Map of Registered and Accredited Higher Education Institutions
in Trinidad and Tobago
&
The Tobago Student Caravan**

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) re-commissioned its Tobago Office on June 01 2012 at the Tobago Technology Centre, #79 Milford Road, Canaan, Tobago. ACTT also launched the Tobago Student Caravan, following the success of the Student Caravan in Trinidad. The ACTT Team brings this service to Tobago with the aim of assisting secondary school students across the island in making informed choices in their academic careers, providing them with accurate information on quality tertiary education.

Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education; the Honourable Vernella Toppin, Minister of Tobago Development and MP for Tobago West; the Assistant Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, Councillor Huey Cadette, Tobago House of Assembly were in attendance.

In re-commissioning the office, Minister Karim, stated that ACTT's office will benefit the people of Tobago by offering services in real time to stakeholders. He described the Student Caravan as integral in providing optimal service to youths, especially students preparing for the next step of higher education, and to other community based organisations. Mr. Jaggernaut Soom, Permanent Secretary, MSTTE, stated that citizens would continue to have direct access to technical advice and expertise from ACTT. In addition, its office would facilitate more effective monitoring of institutions located in Tobago.

ACTT also launched the Digital Map of Registered and Accredited Higher Education Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago. Utilising Google Earth, this map displays the location of all ACTT's registered and accredited institutions on an up-to-date virtual map of Trinidad and Tobago.

ACTT hopes to increase awareness of and access to its services in Tobago to ensure that the people of Tobago are provided with the information needed to make informed decisions regarding post secondary and tertiary level programmes.

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Note: The primary services offered by ACTT are Conferment of Institutional Title, Registration of Post Secondary and Tertiary Level Institutions, Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and Programmes, Recognition of Programmes and Awarding Bodies, Equivalence Assessment, Programme Approval and Quality Enhancement Support for Institutions. There 70 registered institutions. Registration is a compulsory quality assurance activity for all Post Secondary and Tertiary Level Institutions operating in Trinidad and Tobago. ACTT has accredited 5 institutions. ACTT has also approved 109 local programmes and granted recognition status to 470 transnational programmes and 18 foreign awarding bodies and institutions.