



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

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### **ACTT confers Institutional Accreditation**

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) conferred the status of Institutional Accreditation to the University of the Southern Caribbean in a formal ceremony held on Monday May 21, 2012 held at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education Headquarters,

Speaking at the formal Ceremony were Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education; Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT, Dr Clinton Valley, President USC and Mr Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT.

In addressing the guests at the ceremony, Senator Karim stated “Accreditation is based on the principals of a quality management system. It ensures that you are guaranteed the investment on your training dollar and your education dollar. Accreditation turns concerns in confidence and moves faith into the future.”

USC President, Dr Clinton Valley remarked that USC remains committed to providing for this country, the region; graduates who make a significant, productive and qualitative difference to the environment wherever they live and work

In his address Dr Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT commented on the historical significance of the occasion stating that USC is the fifth institution to granted Institutional Accreditation and the first private and faith based university in Trinidad and Tobago and the Southern Caribbean to achieve this milestone.

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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. Since its establishment, ACTT has registered ?? institutions. Registration is a compulsory quality assurance activity for all Post Secondary and Tertiary Level Institutions operating in Trinidad and Tobago. ACTT has also approved 109 local programmes and granted recognition status to 470 transnational programmes and 18 foreign awarding bodies and institutions.