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His Excellency Garvin Nicholas, High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, London presents Credentials to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner to London, His Excellency Garvin Edward Timothy Nicholas, presented his credentials to Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday 10th February 2011, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was accompanied by Ms. Roanna Gopaul, Counsellor, Ms. Nickesha Smith, Second Secretary, Ms. Zanifah Williams, Immigration Attaché and Mrs. Allison Quong Sing, Administrative Attaché.

At the Palace, High Commissioner Nicholas was greeted by the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps who introduced him to Her Majesty. After presenting his Letter of Credence and the Letter of Recall, High Commissioner Nicholas engaged in a brief discussion with her Majesty and then introduced his accompanying members of staff.

Upon returning from Buckingham Palace, His Excellency Mr. Garvin Nicholas hosted a Vin d' Honneur at the High Commission. The event was well attended and guests included the Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps, High Commissioners, Ambassadors, Baroness Floella Benjamin, Heads of several International Organisations, officials from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, members of the 2012 Planning Committee of the 50th Anniversary of Independence and other nationals of Trinidad and Tobago residing in the United Kingdom.

In addressing the attendees, the High Commissioner spoke about his mandate to strengthen the excellent bilateral relations which exist between Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom. He also informed that it was incumbent upon him to strengthen relations with those countries to which the Mission is also accredited namely Germany, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

His Excellency spoke about working closely with countries of the Commonwealth and Latin America with the aim of positioning Trinidad and Tobago as a hub for trade and investment. He reiterated his commitment to promoting Trinidad and Tobago, exploring new initiatives and increasing awareness of all that Trinidad and Tobago has to offer. These included the world famous Carnival, the Steelpan, natural gas, eco-tourism and mouth-watering cuisine.

The High Commissioner noted that Trinidad and Tobago had agreed to host a Commonwealth Investment Forum in June 2011 which was currently being organised in partnership with the Commonwealth Business Council and the Council of the Americas.



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He ended by saying that London is the place to be in 2012 as there would be a number of key events taking place that year notably the Queen's Jubilee, Trinidad and Tobago's 50th Anniversary of Independence and the Olympics.

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