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SAN FERNANDO GETS UPGRADED CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE

The San Fernando Arts Council this week opened its upgraded Creative Arts Centre which was fully funded by the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC). The unveiling of the \$900,000 upgrade and refurbishment of the Creative Arts Centre on Tuesday July 05 marks another strong commitment by NGC in its support of the arts and culture in the southern city.

NGC is also the major sponsor of the SANFEST festival, also staged annually at the Arts Centre, which has been the catalyst behind some of the country's major artistes, including Machael Montano, Joanne Foster, Liam Teague, Sherma Andrews, Atiba Williams, Michael Zephrine, Leon Foster- Thomas and Faye Ali Bocus among many others.

During the unveiling function, NGC's Manager, Corporate Communications (Ag.), Ms. Antonia Lucky said her company open-heartedly supported the venture because it was another opportunity to help creative arts become a powerful catalyst of expression, particularly for young people.

"It is a fact that young people today are growing up in a complex and ever-changing society. If our education system is to succeed in equipping them for the future, it must be based on a broadly defined concept of knowledge and upon varied teaching methods," said Ms. Lucky.

“Good access to - and participation in artistic and cultural activities, such as at this “Creative Arts Centre” gives young people important tools for fine-tuning and mastering their future. This centre is one where persons can come to harness, highlight and showcase their creative artistic talents to others, in the hope that they too, can experience and gain a better appreciation of the creative arts,” she added.

The upgrade and refurbishment which began in August 2010 has enhanced the aesthetic appearance and ambience of the Creative Arts Centre, a popular venue for classes, meetings, theatrical productions, concerts, private parties and wedding receptions.

The NGC upgrade and refurbishment of the Centre included full air-conditioning of the facility and the construction of auxiliary work to support the air conditioning system, improved lighting features, stage enhancement, interior and exterior painting and attractive signage.

Also participating in the formal unveiling were Minister in the Ministry of Arts and Multiculturalism, Mr. Embau Mohini, representatives from the Mayor of the City of San Fernando and Ministry of Education and Mr. Torrance Mohammed, Chairman, San Fernando Arts Council.