

# Strengthening communities, fostering opportunities for self-reliance



*The Head Table: CALDRAC, NGC (Curtis Mohammed, VP- Gas Transmission and Distribution) and government officials with the Hon Minister Rudranath Indarsingh, MP for Couva South in attendance*

The National Gas Company understands the value of a unified community as an integral part of national and youth development. A major component of the NGC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme is the socio-economic development of communities. This focuses on community self-reliance as well as the institutional strengthening of key community groups and NGO's. Over the past three decades, NGC has been actively involved in the refurbishment and upgrade of community facilities and infrastructure that are essential for sustainable community development.

In November construction work was completed on the upgrade and expansion of the CALDRAC Sports Club facility at Dow Village in Couva. The project includes a hall, a conference centre, classrooms and washroom facilities. There is also accommodation for visitors and club members that will facilitate intensive coaching sessions and training camps. In addition there is a food and beverage service area, which will encourage small business development.

The CALDRAC Sports Club has been in existence for approximately 65 years and has become an important pillar of its host community and environs. These new amenities provide opportunities for the organization to recapture its rich history and to fulfill its historical role, especially in the area of youth development. The resurgence has already begun and in 2013 the CALDRAC cricket team will participate in the Premier Division of national cricket for the very first time.



*The Aziz family – Trustees of the CALDRAC Club*



*CALDRAC Club House is as good as new*