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Minister Kazim Hosein to attend swearing in ceremonies for new Councils

Kent House, Maraval. November 29th, 2016: Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government has announced his plans to attend as many of the swearing in ceremonies for the new Councils, as permitted by his schedule, following local government elections. “I am taking a hands-on approach in guiding our local government system towards reform, and the first step is to forge close relationships with each newly elected Council,” stated the Minister. He congratulated all candidates and expressed his eagerness to begin working with each new Council towards bringing meaningful change to our communities.

Minister Hosein continued with the affirmation that, “We must ensure that best practices become entrenched in all our councils to bring good governance, demonstrating openness and transparency, efficiency and effectiveness as well as ethical conduct and respect for the rule of law. We need to work harder at developing competency and building capacity, and wherever weaknesses are identified ensuring we work towards strengthening, so that sound judgment and financial management will be practiced at all times.”

The swearing in ceremonies for our new Mayors, Chairmen, Alderpersons and Councillors are expected to take place over the next two weeks. The Minister further noted that this is a critical time for new Council members as they will be the ones responsible for institutionalising the reform; the aim of which is to bring public goods and service closer to all communities across Trinidad and Tobago, in a more effective and efficient manner.

“It is important that we work together to ensure that the service delivery mechanisms in this country are fundamentally improved. Through the local government reform, we will be able to achieve this as Corporations will have greater autonomy, expanded responsibilities and more accountability to the public,” Assured Minister Hosein.

The commitment to local government reform will bring much needed improvements to the quality of life for citizens in every corner of the nation by elevating service delivery provision within the local governance system.

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