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National Clean-Up Campaign off to a great start in Port of Spain

January 21, 2017, Kent House, Maraval – The National Clean-Up Campaign moved into Port of Spain this morning launching with a brief ceremony in which Minister Kazim Hosein commended the City Corporation for their mobilization of the community to join in the clean up, and thanked the corporate volunteers and all other groups for coming out to make the efforts successful. He further made an appeal to WASA to repair the roads after completing maintenance works since this contributes to poor water runoff and vehicular damage on our roadways; and he called on individuals operating illegal roadside garages to desist in activities which block the easy flow of traffic on narrow streets and pose a danger in their communities.

Also giving remarks, were Minister in the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs and Office of the Prime Minister Stuart Young – MP for Port of Spain North/St. Ann’s West, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Ms. Desdra Bascombe, Port of Spain Mayor Joel Martinez and Deputy Mayor Hillan Morean. Dr. Anthony N. Sabga O.R.T.T. Chairman Emeritus of the ANSA McAL Group of Companies, was also present as a special guest and corporate volunteer, and has donated two new recycle bins to the City. From as early at 5:00am, trucks, backhoes and other heavy equipment began lining the perimeter of the Queen’s Park Savannah, after which they were deployed to various sites across the city.

Following the opening ceremony, Minister Kazim Hosein visited some of the worksites such as, the demolition of the dilapidated NFM feed mill on Abattoir Road, the collection of derelict vehicles at the corner of Rigbsy and Agostini Streets in Gonzales, and the desilting and cleaning of the East Dry River. Private contractors such as General Earth Movers, Fides, Namalco, Kallco, Laing, Jusamco, T.N. Ramnauth, Coosal’s, Central Equipment Rentals, KJS, Singh’s Group of Companies, and Carl King worked alongside the Ministry of Works and Transport, T&TEC, WASA, Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, Civilian Conservation Corps and CEPEP. Minister Hosein remarked, “The response from the public has been very positive, and we are extremely happy to see the members of the community coming outside to meet the crews and assist in the loading of trucks. We urge people to continue in this way and take a vested interest in the clean up of their communities.”

The Clean-Up efforts persevered in spite of a heavy afternoon downpour, with 151 truckloads of bulk waste being taken to the landfill, inclusive of loads containing old tyres to be shredded, the demolition of the longstanding eyesore in the old NFM Feed Mill, the removal of multiple derelict vehicles, and the cutting of numerous vacant and overgrown lots/open spaces, including inside the East Dry River, along the Priority Bus Route, under the NP Flyover, and along Abattoir Road.

The National Clean-Up Campaign will continue tomorrow in Port of Spain and moves into the Region of San Juan/Laventille next Saturday 28th of January, 2017. Let’s Team Up to Clean Up!

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