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National Clean-Up Campaign receives warm welcome in San Juan/ Laventille

January 28, 2017, Kent House, Maraval – San Juan/Laventille welcomed the National Clean-Up Campaign this morning at Morvant Junction with a brief opening ceremony and words of encouragement from Minister Kazim Hosein to join the effort as we create cleaner, healthier and safer communities and foster the spirit of volunteerism. Minister of Community Development, Culture and the Arts and MP for St. Ann's East Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly; MP for Laventille East/Morvant Adrian Leonce also gave remarks welcoming volunteers from their communities for coming out to join the efforts, while Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Desdra Bascombe commented on the wonderful drive of the volunteers, and Chairman of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation Anthony Roberts welcomed the eager crowd on behalf of the region. Also in attendance were Minister of Health and MP for St. Joseph Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Public Utilities and MP for Laventille West Fitzgerald Hinds, and Minister of Public Administration and Communications Maxie Cuffie.

Heavy machinery led the charge as clean-up activities began to desilt drains and watercourses, remove derelict vehicles, demolish dilapidated structures, clear overgrown lots and remove white and bulk waste. Some highlights of the day's activities were the opening of the new bailey bridge on Smith Lane in Santa Cruz; the desilting of the Malick River – where at one point Minister Hosein, who is licensed to operate such machinery, operated the excavator; the clearing of a major water course in El Socorro South; the removal of derelict vehicles from Sandy Lane in St. Barb's; and the clearing of an unauthorized scrapyards on Upper Espinet Street, Laventille.

Minister Kazim Hosein expressed his profound gratitude to private contractors such as Kallco, Laing, Fides, Jusamco, Namalco, KJS, Singh's Group of Companies, General Earth Movers, S. Hassanali, Deosaran Transport, Khanson Transport, Waste Disposal, and all scavenging companies associated with the San Juan Laventille Regional Corporation, who came out voluntarily and worked alongside the volunteers from the Ministry of Works and Transport, T&TEC, WASA, Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, employees of the San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation, MiLat, MyPart and CEPEP. Thanks also go out to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service led by Senior Superintendent Sagrarsingh, and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force led by Lieutenant Carr, who ensured the safety of all involved.

Today, approximately 500 truckloads of bulk and white waste were removed, more than 60 overgrown lots were cut and cleared, three major watercourses were cleared, and multiple derelict vehicles were removed.

The National Clean-Up Campaign continues tomorrow in the San Juan/Laventille region and will make its next stop in the Borough of Chaguanas next Saturday, February 4th, 2017.

Let's Team Up to Clean Up!

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