



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE: Minister Kazim Hosein swears in new CEPEP Board of Directors

February 17th, 2017 Kent House, Maraval – Minister of Rural Development and Local Government Kazim Hosein swore in the new board of the Community-Based Environmental Protection and Enhancement Programme Company Limited (CEPEP) yesterday, officially marking a return of the organization to its original mandate. Also in attendance to witness the proceedings were Permanent Secretary of the Ministry Ms. Desdra Bascombe and CEPEP Managing Director Mr. Keith Eddy.

Minister Kazim Hosein noted, “The essence of CEPEP is the beautification, enhancement and protection of the environment. With this newly installed board, I am confident that we can return the organization to its original mandate, eliminate corruption, and reorient its agenda to truly provide the incubator three-year training that will equip participants to access private sector opportunities. The programmes offered by CEPEP encourage the building of partnerships and provide opportunities for people to work right in their own communities. We want to ensure that this type community-based development continues, and brings universal benefits especially to rural areas.”

The newly formed board consists of eleven members, headed by Chairman Clyde Paul, former Mayor of Point Fortin. Other members include Vice Chairman Marilyn Michael, Cecil Santana and Glen Roach, both retired from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Sabeer Ali, Leon Granger, Rick Cooper, Heather Tardieu, Phyllis Wickham, Rajcoomar Bhagaloo and Derek Ambrose.

Minister Kazim Hosein asserted, “The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government is committed at a policy level to the success of CEPEP in achieving its mandate. In the interest of Local Government Reform, we are delighted to have state enterprises such as CEPEP working alongside local government practitioners to ensure that they can beautify their municipalities and better serve their burgesses.”

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