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Minister Applauds New Professional Certification Scheme For Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry



Centre: The Honourable Dr. Lovell Francis, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education. L-R: Dr. Marissa Gowrie, Deputy Environmental Manager and National Ozone Officer, Ministry of Planning and Development; Mr. Steve Arman, Chief Executive Officer, National Training Agency; Mrs. Joanne Deoraj, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development; Mr. Kenneth Boodoo, President, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Association and Mr. Deenish Maharaj, Manager, Quality Assurance and Accreditation Department, National Training Agency.

A new professional certification scheme for the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) industry was launched on Wednesday 12th April, 2017, at the Hilton Trinidad & Conference Centre, Lady Young Road, Port of Spain.

This initiative originally started when the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Association (ARIA) reached out to the National Ozone Unit (NOU), within the Ministry of Planning and Development, for assistance in the establishment of a professional certification system for personnel in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry. Subsequently, being the mandated Agency of the Government to up-skill the workforce in the country, especially within the priority sectors, the National Training Agency (NTA) responded.

The Honourable Dr. Lovell Francis, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (MOE) delivered the feature address at the event. He described the professional certification scheme as an intriguing and progressive initiative that is extremely necessary, since the development of skills and competencies are vital for the refrigeration and air conditioning industry at this time, especially for persons who may not be inclined to follow the expected or traditional academic path. He further stated that the certification scheme would assist in the development of world class technicians, offering better, quality service, and reallocating resources into an essential industry that requires further development, especially during these tough economic time.



Mr. Steve Arman
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Mr. Anselm Simon
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Other distinguished speakers included Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Planning and Development, Mrs. Joanne Deoraj, President of ARIA, Mr. Kenneth Boodoo, Chief Executive Officer of the NTA, Mr. Steve Arman, and Mr. Anselm Simon, Quality Assurance Officer, NTA. Permanent Secretary Deoraj and President of ARIA, Mr. Kenneth Boodoo both expressed their gratitude to the NTA for partnering in the initiative. While the Chief Executive Officer of the NTA expressed plans to continue partnering with the Ministry of Planning and Development and the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning industry in such initiatives that will further benefit persons in the industry and by extension the people of Trinidad and Tobago.



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