



The Ministry of Tertiary Education
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KARIM: 1,000 JOBS For Our Graduates



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1000 trainees comprising of the July placement population were appointed jobs at the third session of the OJT Orientation held on Friday 7th August, 2015 at the National Energy Skills Center (NESCC), Point Lisas, Couva. The On the Job Training (OJT) programme, under the guidance of the National Training Agency (NTA), ushers the graduates into the world of work and pilots their initiation through the opportunities that are offered to them. Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, continues to advance the programme by inducting over 1,000 trainees into jobs per month.

Minister Karim welcomed the trainees and congratulated them on how fortunate they are, "this is an opportunity to earn and learn as it has never happened before" and informed them that, "a lot is in store for you". "Never before in the history of TT have you seen, as young people, opportunities for education and training like under the MTEST". He also offered insightful advice about entering into the workforce, "see this as a stepping stone not only to earn wages and work... let your dreams, through the OJT programme, become your reality". Minister Karim concluded by stating, "today is a day that you enter into the door of work... a great future is ahead of you".

Chief Executive Officer of the National Training Agency (NTA), Mr. Steven Arman, greeted the trainees by delineating that today was a historic day; "For many of you, today is going to be a red letter day... you joined the programme at a very opportune time". He underlined that, "you are entering into a programme that, in many ways, has been redefined". "This is not just an orientation, it is the start of your new life... designed to help you enter into your place of work with the right frame of mind, context, understanding, approach and it is supposed to help you enter into the workplace seamlessly, as part of a wider framework of developmental opportunities".

The OJT programme prevails in aligning the trainees' personal aspirations with that of the workplace. The Orientation ceremony also included presentations by the OJT Administration and the Life Skills Unit of NTA.



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