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Minister Hosein “Women Municipal Police Officers are exemplars in our country”

8th March, 2021, Kent House, Maraval. – Earlier today (Monday 8th March, 2021), the Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police Service (TTMPS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government hosted a Women Police Appreciation Luncheon in commemoration of International Women’s Day 2021.

International Women's Day is a global observance which highlights the cultural, political, and socio-economic achievements of women. Commemorated annually on 8th March, this occasion focuses on women's rights, gender equality, reproductive rights and violence against women. The TTMPS, under the patronage of Minister Kazim Hosein took this opportunity to express appreciation to the female officers who have made invaluable contributions in the past and those who continue to diligently protect and serve our communities and by extension our country.

Minister Hosein at today’s event affirmed, “Today and every day, I choose to stand up for our women and pledge my support against bias, inequality, discrimination and stereotypes in efforts to create an inclusive world. I say thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and friends who have helped to shape our communities and by extension our nation. I appreciate your priceless efforts and assure you that it has not gone unnoticed.” He further implored the men in the audience to respect and love women saying, “We have an extremely important roles as men in this society; we must stand up and fight for the safety of our women.”

Also in attendance at today’s event was Permanent Secretary - Ms. Desdra Bascombe, Assistant Commissioner of Municipal Police, Mr. Surrendra Sagramsingh, Senior Superintendents Mr. Nazir Mohammed, Mr. Curtis Belford and Mr. Cecil Santana along with specially invited guests who served under the TTMPS previously.

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PHOTO 1 (LEFT): Woman Police Officer, Ms. Erica Preto collects an award on behalf of Retired Woman Municipal Police Inspector Patricia Flatts from the Honourable Minister Kazim Hosein.

PHOTO 2 (RIGHT): Minister Kazim Hosein presents award to Retired Ministry of Education Curriculum Coordinator, Ferishazad Nagir.





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PHOTO 3 (RIGHT): The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government Kazim Hosein presents a token of appreciation to the Permanent Secretary, Ms. Desdra Bascombe.



PHOTO 4 (LEFT): The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government Sen. the Hon. Kazim Hosein presents award to Retired Woman Municipal Police Superintendent Joan Fortune.

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