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NIHERST & Soroptimist International Exhilarates Youth with First Virtual Science Fair

Satellites for Survival

(October 16, 2020) The National Institute of Higher Education Research Science and Technology (NIHERST), a State Agency under the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with Soroptimist International-Newtown, an organisation of women working through service projects to improve lives, hosted its first Virtual Science Fair, themed '**Satellites for Survival**' on Friday 16th October 2020.

The event conceptualised in commemoration of the 2020 World Space Week (a UN calendar observance) theme 'Satellites', was developed to expose students from Forms 1 to 5, to possible career options in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The Honourable, Dr. Nyan Gadbsy-Dolly, Minister of Education, delivered the opening remarks at the highly subscribed virtual fair aimed at educating and empowering youth by showcasing knowledge on the use of satellites in everyday life. The initiative targeted teachers and particularly female students of Geography, ICT, Technology Education, Mathematics, and Social Studies.

The Covid-19 pandemic has necessitated the utilisation of the virtual landscape to facilitate student learning. NIHERST & Soroptimist International-Newtown, therefore, saw the opportunity to nurture the advancement of Science and Technology in our nation. In keeping with Vision 2030, the event mirrored the globalised world and highlighted the need to further develop the national capabilities in Science and Technology to generate new ideas and convert knowledge into socio-economic benefits, that will ultimately enhance the country's prosperity.

This **FREE** event was facilitated by key Science experts inclusive of Seigonie Mohammed, Senior Multimedia Journalist, CCN TV6. The dynamic and interactive presentations focused on the topics of satellites and their use in weather forecasting, communications, transportation, and remote sensing.

Participants were also afforded the opportunity to test their learnings via interactive polls and provide event feedback. Due to an overwhelming number of positive responses regarding the event, we are pleased to note that the future of Science, Technology, and Innovation is in safe hands.

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