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NIHERST and NALIS advances Partnership with Science Corner Hubs

[POS, 6th February, 2024] — The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science, and Technology (NIHERST) and The National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) proudly announced the successful ribbon-cutting ceremony of the NIHERST / NALIS Science Corner. This collaboration marks a significant stride toward promoting scientific exploration, education, and innovation within our community. The first of seven (7) corners carded throughout the public library system was launched at the Port of Spain Public Library.

The themed exhibits will focus on advancing the levels of scientific and technological literacy in both children and adults of Trinidad and Tobago, by presenting knowledge and experiences of the aforementioned in their most palatable forms. In its inaugural presentation, Physics, was the subject area that took the spotlight, showcasing insights on alternative energy sources, electrical matters, and light refractions, among other topics.

Mrs. Marleen Lord-Lewis, President, NIHERST in her address to the attendees stated **“These science exhibit corners serve as gateways to unravel intricate scientific concepts in a tangible and captivating manner. Through interactive exhibits, we’re unlocking doors to hands-on learning experiences that go beyond traditional educational methods. As we continue to support formal education, these exhibit corners become invaluable resources for both students and educators, providing additional layers of information, explanations, and demonstrations that enhance the overall learning experience.”**

Echoing similar sentiment was Ms. Paula Greene, Executive Director, NALIS who highlighted **“We are pleased to again provide a space, a permanent one in this instance, for hands on learning, through interaction – via this NIHERST/NALIS Science Corner, at the National Library of Trinidad and Tobago. We at NALIS believe that a significant percentage of learning happens outside the classroom and we shall continue to advocate for getting children and young people out and about. It is important to provide them with challenging, exciting and different experiences to help them learn.”**

Driven by domestic targets ahead of global sustainability development goals, NIHERST and NALIS see their strategic partnership, as one that ensures all subscribers acquire the knowledge and inspiration needed for lifelong learning in Science, Technology, and Innovation. While not disregarding other subject areas, these curriculums remain the main focus, as they have consistently proven to be the foundation in equipping our citizenry for the contemporary digitalized environment and any future advances

With a mission of both agencies that places significant emphasis on the advancement of society's capabilities especially that of the youth, the collaboration focuses on key components such as fostering a culture of innovation, showcasing cutting-edge research and technological advancements, and engaging communities through groundbreaking forums, creating ecosystems of science and technology for all age groups.

Although the partnership is initially carded for two years, both entities share a goal to facilitate Trinidad and Tobago's cultural, economic, educational, and social development, which leaves the pathway open for future collaborations.

The public is invited to make a booking to the interactive exhibits by visiting the link [Book A Visit NIHERST-NALIS Science CORNER \(office.com\)](#) or via email, nscbookings@niherst.gov.tt



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About NIHERST

NIHERST is a statutory body established in 1984 to promote science, technology and higher education in Trinidad and Tobago consistent with national development goals. The Institute is an agency under the Ministry of Education. Its current work focuses on the development of a more diversified, knowledge-driven economy, based on the ingenuity of our people and their ability to create, adapt and use science and technology for wealth generation and national development. Many of its programmes aim to strengthen the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities of the general population. NIHERST is also engaged in research, such as in foresight and innovation, to support economic diversification; promoting innovation and the commercialisation of technology in priority sectors; and building global partnerships.

About NALIS:

The National Library and Information System Authority (known as NALIS) is a corporate body established by the NALIS Act No. 18 of 1998 to administer the development and coordination of library and information services in Trinidad and Tobago.

As a statutory authority under the Office of the Prime Minister, Communication, NALIS is governed by a board that ensures proper and efficient performance of the functions of the organisation. NALIS is managed by an Executive Director assisted by a Deputy Executive Director and Directors and Managers of its various Divisions and Departments.

NALIS provides library and information services at the Heritage Library (located in the National Library Building, Port-of-Spain), 25 public libraries, 46 special libraries, 133 secondary and 483 primary school libraries, 25 ECCE centres. Library services are also provided through its website at www.nalis.gov.tt and its social media sites: the blog, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The National Library of Trinidad and Tobago, located at 23 Abercromby Street in Port of Spain, is the administrative seat and focal point of NALIS' libraries and information service centres in Trinidad and Tobago. The Science Corner is situated on the First Floor of the Building, in the Port of Spain Adult Library.

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