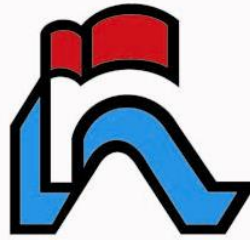


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Dear Editor / Head of Department

NIHERST Board of Governors Recognised for 100% Compliance by the Integrity Commission

Port of Spain, Trinidad – December 18, 2024: The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science, and Technology (NIHERST) Board of Governors has been honoured with a prestigious award from the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago.

The award was presented by Mr. Haydn Gittens, Chairman of the Integrity Commission, to NIHERST Board Chairman, Dr. Andrew Hunte and his fellow governors at NIHERST Head Office. This accolade recognises the Board's achievement of 100% compliance in filing Individual Declarations of Income, Assets, and Liabilities, as well as Statements of Registrable Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2023.

In his remarks, Mr. Gittens commended the NIHERST Board for its consistent adherence to compliance standards, stating, *"On reviewing the Commission's records, it was evident that the NIHERST Board has consistently demonstrated a commitment to integrity and transparency."*

Dr. Andrew Hunte, Chairman, NIHERST Board of Governors, expressed *"This recognition by the Integrity Commission underscores our unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance. As a Board, we take pride in upholding these values, which are fundamental to the success of NIHERST's mission. This award is a testament to the dedication and integrity of every member of our team."*

The NIHERST Board of Governors, comprising Dr. Andrew Hunte (Chairman), Ms. Natasha Skinner-Rocke (Deputy Chairman), Mr. Barry Parasram, Mr. Ian Haywood Jr., Mr. Tafara Masaisai, Mr. Kheston Walkins and Ms. Sharon Baboolal, first appointed on May 28, 2021, was reappointed for a three-year term, effective May 28, 2024, continuing their dedication to upholding NIHERST's mission and values.

Photo and Caption



Caption: Recognising excellence: Mr. Haydn Gittens, Chairman of the Integrity Commission (right), presents an award to Dr. Andrew Hunte, Chairman of the NIHERST Board of Governors (left), for achieving 100% compliance in the filing of declarations and registrable interests for the year ending December 31, 2023.

About NIHERST:

The National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science, and Technology (NIHERST) has been instrumental in advancing science, technology, and education in Trinidad and Tobago for over 40 years. NIHERST remains committed to building a knowledge-driven society by supporting educational initiatives that empower teachers, engage students, and inspire a culture of innovation.

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