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NGC partners with TTCB to continue to build national cricket

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NGC renewed its commitment to the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB) in sponsoring the TTCB National Academy. According to Vice President Narinejit Pariag, who addressed Academy inductees and TTCB members at the launch of the Academy on November 4th 2016, “NGC is once again pleased to stand as corporate partners with the TTCB to launch the 2016 NGC/TTCB National Academy. It is a source of great pride to us that our partnership with the TTCB not only helps support one of the most avidly-followed and passionately-spectated sport in our country, but also enables initiatives such as this one, which target our nation’s cricketering youth.”

The NGC/TTCB partnership has been on-going for the past seven years, with official MOUs agreed in 2012-2013 and 2014-2016. Since 2013, NGC has shared title sponsor of the National Academy with TTCB, contributing over \$1.3M to this endeavour. This support has allowed the TTCB to plan for the future of the game in Trinidad and Tobago with a greater degree of certainty and confidence.

The National Academy concept began in 2002. Its inductees are between the ages of 17 and 19 years old. The programme is conducted over 12 weekends with 11 weekends dedicated to technical and theoretical coaching/lectures of the game. On the twelfth weekend, the players visit one of the regional cricket-playing Caribbean islands for practical assessment through cricket matches. Currently, 90% of the Trinidad and Tobago players representing West Indies have been through the National Academy programme, including Dwayne ‘DJ Bravo’ Bravo and Samuel Badre just to name a few.

NGC is especially enthusiastic about this programme as it represents investment in Sport, Youth Development and Empowerment, all cornerstones of NGC’s CSR portfolio. “Trinidad and Tobago is losing too many young people to crime and delinquency. As a country, we need to make opportunities available to our youth for productive engagement in their free time,” noted Mr. Pariag.

The NGC/TTCB partnership ensures that several key areas are provided with much need resources, which enable the TTCB to remain progressive, to produce successful national teams, and develop the game and individual players across all formats.

NGC’s sponsorship of the National Academy has allowed the TTCB to include a personal development aspect to the programme. This aspect of the programme is to assist in the strengthening the mental and emotional capacity of the player, an important facet for any aspiring professional sportsman. The TTCB will continue tracking of players throughout the coming years as they monitor their progress and work continuously to assist their development with workshops and structured sessions at the National Cricket Centre.



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Back row: Coaches and Inductees of the TTCB Academy

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