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NGC and Police Commission sign MOU for continued sponsorship of five Police Youth Clubs

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NGC President Mark Loquan and Acting Commissioner of Police, Stephen Williams of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago's sponsorship of five Police Youth Clubs (PYCs) in La Brea, Couva, Laventille Road, Penal and Mayaro for the period 2017 - 2019. The signing took place on Monday 27 November 2017 at NGC's Head Office. PYCs fall under the jurisdiction of the Community Policing Secretariat, which is an arm of the TTPS. Each sponsored club is governed by its own MOU amongst NGC, the respective Police Youth Club and the TTPS.

NGC sees the activities which are offered through these PYCs as a mean of exposing youth to various positive avenues for development and self-expression. Programmes offered by these PYCs focus on areas such as education support, sport, personal development, arts and culture, and social activities. These programmes act as a means of engaging the youth membership of the clubs and seek to cultivate positive attitudes and relationships. Seen as an anti-crime initiative of the TTPS, focus is also placed on equipping club leaders with management skills via training programmes such as capacity building and the introduction of systems to promote transparency and accountability. The involvement of civil society is also encouraged as parents are invited to join the PYC management teams.

During the MOU signing, NGC's President noted that "youth are a critical focus of NGC's CSR investment." Mr. Loquan also commended the PYCs for their on-time submission of the required reporting "which allows us [NGC] to critically assess the impact of the Company's investment." He also celebrated the success stories of individuals participating in the PYC. One such story is of past PYC member Rae-Ann Guerra of the Laventille Road PYC who has flourished under the Youth Club system and is currently President of the Youth Arm of the Club. A calypsonian and a pannist, she recently enrolled at The University of the West Indies. Another success noted was that of the Couva PYC, which placed third at the 2017 Best Village Competition in the Drumology category.

In 2013, NGC became involved in the sponsorship of PYCs in Beetham Gardens, Couva, La Brea and Laventille Road for an initial one year period. The success of this initiative prompted an extension to a three-year arrangement from the period 2014 to 2016, and the addition of the Penal Police Youth Club. For the period 2017 to 2019, NGC's Manager Corporate Communications Lisa Burkett, noted that the NGC strategy will build upon the initiatives taken from 2013 to 2016. "The approach will emphasise the collection of data to establish a correlation between involvement in the Police Youth Clubs, behavioural change and academic improvement and working with the Police Youth Clubs to provide an alternative pathway for employment and non-academic education."



Ag. Commissioner of Police, Stephen Williams and NGC President, Mark Loquan, signing the MOU



(L to R) Erla Christopher, DCP Administration (ag.) TTPS; Stephen Williams, Commissioner of Police (ag.), TTPS; Mark Loquan, President, NGC; Lisa Burkett, Manager, Corporate Communications, NGC



Ag. Commissioner of Police, Stephen Williams and NGC President, Mark Loquan, shake hands upon sign the MOU



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