

16 appointed to new NTA board

SIXTEEN directors have been appointed to the reconstituted board of the National Training Agency (NTA).

The new board received their instruments of appointment during a ceremony on Tuesday at the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (MTEST) at Education Towers, Port of Spain.

The board will be led by chairman Chandar Gupta Supersad.

The NTA is a central co-ordinating body responsible for planning, co-ordinating and administering the national training systems for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in support of the nation's workforce development, a release from the Ministry of Tertiary Education explained.

The agency's roles include regulating, promoting and facilitating a coherent system of quality TVET.

Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training Prakash Persad was present at the ceremony together with ministry parliamentary secretary Hansen Narinesingh, and permanent secretary Kurt Meyer.

'Mr Narinesingh specified that the NTA was established as the organisation with oversight for technical and vocational qualifications. He highlighted the importance of quality assurance as he beckoned the board to work assiduously, reminding members that at the forefront is the education of children and the responsibility for preparing people for the world of work,' the release stated.

In welcoming and thanking the board, Minister Persad stressed the need for transparency, confidentiality, robust decision-making and collective responsibility.

'NTA plays a critical role as we move forward...as a community college. Skills training is important as university education, but both involves education and training,' he said. The following people have been appointed to the board of directors of NTA for a period of three years:

- Chandar Gupta Supersad-chairman
- Rajesh Motiram Sirjue
- Nicholson Sookhoo
- Nazim Mohammed
- Sasha Bachan
- Kevin Ramkay-Henry
- Kellon Wallace
- Theophilus Phillip Henry
- Ashana Gibran
- Richard Lee
- Harrikissoon Umraur Seegobin
- Sheldon Bowman
- Annusha Bridglal
- Kishan Dhaniram
- Sasha Tricia Ali
- Reshma Jagroop