

Increased pensions for TSTT retirees

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AFTER years of protests and discussions, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) and the Communication Workers' Union (CWU), which will see pensioners receiving an increase to their pension plans, was signed this week at TSTT Oval Box, Tragarete Road, Port of Spain.

The single pension plan will cover the needs of retirees and current employees.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, acting TSTT CEO Keino Cox said pensioners laid the foundation on which TSTT stands today. He described the MOU as a historic agreement. 'CWU and TSTT stand proud together to celebrate over five years of hard work to get us at this point. This is the decades of cumulative hard work and sacrifices that many persons made,' he said.

He added: 'This MOU began during the Covid period. It is a historic agreement which sets the foundation to unite two plans into one. Secondly it is honouring the builders; the persons that built the company. TSTT was shaped by the men and women who gave decades of their lives. It is a tangible demonstration of respect and it sends a clear message to our pensioners that your service matter.

Your contribution ensures and your wellbeing remains our concern.'

CWU secretary general Joanne Ogeer said the struggle by the retirees and leadership of the CWU finally bore fruit and described the process as a long task.

'All praises to almighty God. It is a day to be etched in history. This will improve the lives of our retirees and their beneficiaries,' she said. For over a decade, the Committee of Concerned Pensioners of Telco/TSTT, representing more than 1,500 retirees, has been advocating for equitable pension increases.'