

Tourism group talks with consular reps



The Chancellor Hotel, St Ann's.

The Tourism Industry Association of T&T (TIATT) has announced a collaboration with consular representatives from the embassies of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and Germany.

In a news release, TIATT said the meeting, held at The Chancellor Hotel in St Ann's, marked a "significant step in TIATT's mission to invigorate its members under the tagline— Tourism is our business."

The association explained in light of challenges affecting the tourism sector, TIATT reaffirmed its strong commitment to confronting critical issues. TIATT also acknowledged foreign missions' prerogative to safeguard their citizens through travel advisories.

Nevertheless, TIATT emphasised its role as a primary responder to the consulars in crisis situations, particularly when registered tourism operators require timely support within the scope of its operational responsibilities.

The association explained discussions with the consular officers focussed on actionable strategies for TIATT members to collaborate on visitor safety.

TIATT also reiterated its dedication to ensuring safety compliance among all registered tourism operators.

Key points also highlighted during the discussions included T&T's consistent city police presence during peak cruise and Carnival seasons.

Further proposals for enhancing visitor safety included the implementation of dedicated tourism policing, improved signage and comprehensive awareness programmes.

With the recent establishment of the Ministry of Homeland Security, TIATT expressed optimism about a strengthened commitment to public safety and security.

TIATT said it intended to present viable solutions identified during these discussions to the Ministry of Homeland Security, anticipating a profound positive impact on the industry's overall stability.

TIATT reiterated it is committed to ongoing collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, engaging in joint discussions to propose initiatives that would enhance preparedness and responsiveness within the industry.

The association also plans to facilitate continuous information sharing as to proactively equip the industry and the consulars with vital insights.