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Media Launch for UWI Research Expo 2013

Main Salon, Office of the Campus Principal
Thursday 5th September, 2013 10:00 am

Closing Remarks

- Thank you, PVC Hunte.
- All protocol having been observed.
- Good morning Ladies and gentlemen.
- We are so pleased that you were able to join us to launch this very special event. The UWI Research Expo 2013 is about mobilizing knowledge. As you know, disseminating knowledge and engaging research partners are central to any university's effort to support innovation and transformation for the benefit of our society. Our Research Expo demonstrates the commitment of The UWI St. Augustine Campus to not only create new knowledge but also to **promote enhanced dissemination and utilization of our research.**

- You would have noticed that each day is dedicated to a different type of activity with a view to engaging specific groups of stakeholders with a targeted approach to showcasing our research and allowing for dialogue and knowledge exchange.

- It is our hope that the Research Expo will not only serve to demystify research, but also to generate greater interest and excitement, to better understand how research can be applied to provide solutions for specific needs, and more generally, to better appreciate how knowledge enriches our lives. There will be learning opportunities for everyone and we hope that our Research Expo will bring persons in our communities closer to UWI.

- So as we bring this Media Launch to a close, I would like to extend sincere thanks to all of you for supporting this initiative and in particular,
 - To the media, for their presence and continued support for the UWI St. Augustine Campus
 - To our speakers – PVC Hunte, Mr. Indar Maharaj and Ms. Catherine Kumar - for taking the time to be here this morning and for their steadfast commitment to working in partnership with our Campus for the advancement of research, nationally and regionally,
 - To the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training for its continued support
 - To our Campus leadership – and let me thank the Principal for having this vision. Last year, Prof. Sankat requested that I accompany our then Campus Coordinator for Graduate Studies and Research, Prof. Patricia Mohammed, to the Research Day held on the Mona Campus to review the

Mona model, which we have built and expanded upon – and I am personally thankful to both Prof. Sankat and Prof. Mohammed for that opportunity and their support.

- To our Senior Management, Deans, and the Deputy Deans and Directors of our various Research Units with whom we have been working very closely for several months on their respective Expo exhibits and mini workshops
 - To our Guild of Students and Postgraduate Association with whom we have been liaising to ensure the involvement of our students in the Expo
 - To our Campus colleagues from all Departments, both academic and administrative, and the staff members from the Office of the Campus Principal and the Marketing and Communications Department who are on the Research Expo Planning Team, all of whom have been giving their full support to ensure that the Research Expo 2013 is a resounding success.
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- For over 53 years, the UWI St. Augustine Campus has been the leading institution in research and scholarship in the service of national and regional development and we look forward to sharing our research insights with you at our Research Expo next month.
 - Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, and on behalf of the Campus Principal, I would now like to invite you to partake in some light refreshments on the verandah.